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To which is prefixed a Report of Proceedings and Papers preliminary to the organization of the Diocese.

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1875.

The portion of the Bishop's address relating to the division of the Diocese was referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. J. W. Brown, W. W. Rafter, W. R. Tillinghast and Wm. Lusk, Jr., and the Messrs. H. P. Baldwin, C. C. Trowbridge, R. A. Bury, and W. R. Schuyler; which Committee reported (Jour. 1872, page 51,) that they had no data to warrant them in the expression of any opinion upon the expediency of the matter, but, in view of the obvious importance of a careful consideration of the subject in the Parishes throughout the Diocese, they suggested the continuance of the Committee, or the creation of another, to prepare and issue such a circular of information as would enable the Parishes to form an intelligent judgment in a matter of such moment.

On motion, the Committee was continued, with the added names of the Rev. Samuel Earp, and of Mr. Peirce. And to the XXXIXth Annual Convention, assembled at Marshall, in June, 1873, they reported that they had complied with the instructions of the Convention, (Jour. 1873, page 42,) "by furnishing every Parish with the information desired, embraced in a pamphlet which is herewith handed to the Secretary." (Appendix H, Jour. 1873.)

On motion of Mr. P. R. L. Peirce, seconded by Mr. P. E. De Mill,

Resolved, That in the view of this Convention the time has come when it is expedient, necessary and desirable to divide the Diocese.

The question on this resolution was taken by orders. On the clerical vote 39 voted aye and 11 nay, and on the lay vote 53 voted aye and 17 nay. The resolution was carried.

An examination of the vote shows that of the 55 Clergymen voting, 24 were from Parishes and Missions now included in the Diocese of Western Michigan, and of these 16 voted aye and 8 nay; also, of the 70 Laymen voting, there were 31 belonging to Western Michigan, and 24 of them voted aye, and only 7 nay.

Subsequently, during the same Convention, Mr. Peirce introduced another resolution, which was seconded by Mr. L. C. Chapin, and, after some discussion, was laid over to the next Convention. (Jour. 1873, page 53.)

The XLth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Michigan assembled in the city of Grand Rapids, June 10th, 1874.

During the afternoon session of the second day, Mr. Peirce renewed his resolution. (Jour. Conv. 1874, page 51). After a long and animated discussion, and the disposition of sundry motions to amend, and substitute, and postpone, the resolution of Mr. Peirce, establishing the boundary line between the old and the new Diocese, was adopted.

The Convention then took the following action: On motion of Mr. P. R. L. Peirce, seconded by Mr. S. L. Fuller,

Resolved, That the Counties of Branch, St. Joseph, Cass, Berrien, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Eaton, Barry, Allegan, Ottawa, Kent, Ionia, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Clare, Osceola, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Benzie, Leelenaw, Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet, be, and the same are, set apart and erected into a new Diocese (the assent of the Bishop and General Convention being given), under the name of..... And the remainder of the Counties in the Lower Peninsula not above designated, with the Island of Mackinac and the Upper Peninsula, shall constitute the present Diocese of Michigan. And that the General Convention be respectfully requested to grant the request of this Convention for such division, when the Constitution and Canons relative to such cases are complied with.

The Bishop announced that such a division would receive his consent, provided he had liberty to arrange details with any committee appointed by the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. J. F. Conover,

Resolved, That a committee of five, three clergymen and two laymen, be appointed to prepare the papers which it is necessary shall be presented to the General Convention, in relation to the new Diocese which has been ordered by this Diocesan Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. J. F. Conover, Rev. Samuel Earp, Rev. Henderson Judd, Mr. P. R. L. Peirce, Mr. S. L. Fuller.

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2. *Action of the Committee to prepare the necessary papers.*

At a meeting of the committee appointed at the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Michigan, "to prepare the necessary papers to be presented to the General Convention in relation to

the new Diocese which has been ordered by the Diocesan Convention," held at the Vestry Room of St. Mark's Church, in Grand Rapids, June 18, 1874, pursuant to a call by the Chairman, there were present the Rev. James F. Conover, the Rev. Samuel Earp, the Rev. Henderson Judd, and Mr. Samuel L. Fuller. Absent, Mr. P. R. L. Peirce.

The Rev. J. F. Conover was elected permanent Chairman.

Mr. Peirce was elected permanent Secretary, and Mr. Fuller Secretary *pro tem.*

On motion of the Rev. Samuel Earp,

Resolved, That the arrangement of the necessary papers to be presented to the General Convention with reference to the division of the present Diocese of Michigan, be confided by the Committee to its Chairman, the Rev. J. F. Conover, and that he be instructed, in completing these papers, to procure the corrected list of the clergy and the parishes in the proposed new Diocese from the Secretary of the Diocesan Convention, duly authenticated; and if he be not able to do so, that he use a list made by himself from the Convention Journal of 1873.

Carried.

On motion of the Rev. H. Judd,

Resolved, That we will endeavor to raise a fund of $40,000 to endow the Episcopate.

On motion of the Rev. H. Judd,

Resolved, That the Rev. J. F. Conover, the Rev. Samuel Earp, and Mr P. R. L. Peirce be a sub-committee to solicit subscriptions for that purpose.

Carried.

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel L. Fuller be a committee to procure about 200 blank notes in books for the use of the sub-committee.

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SAMUEL L. FULLER, Secretary *pro tem.*

Another session of the Committee was afterward held at the same place, when the Chairman presented to the Committee the papers* which he had been authorized by it to prepare.

*These papers, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, may be found in this Journal immediately following the record of the action of the General Convention.

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On motion of the Rev. Mr. Judd, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel Earp be requested and empowered to present the necessary papers to the General Convention, and obtain the consent of that body to the division.

Resolved, That the committee feel that they express the general wish of the clergy and congregations of the proposed new Diocese, in hereby requesting the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of Michigan, to preach the sermon at the opening of the Primary Convention.

P. R. L. PEIRCE, Secretary of the Committee.

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3. *Action of the General Convention.*

On the fifth day of the session of the General Convention, Oct. 12, A. D. 1874, message No. 10 from the House of Bishops informed the House of Deputies that it had adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, (The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring,) That this Convention hereby consents to and ratifies the formation of a new Diocese within the limits of the Diocese of Michigan, to be composed of the counties of Branch, St. Joseph, Cass, Berrien, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Eaton, Barry, Allegan, Ottawa, Kent, Ionia, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Clare, Osceola, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Benzie, Leelenaw, Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet.

Subsequently, on the twelfth day of the session, Rev. Mr. Hanckel, of Virginia, from the Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, to whom was referred the memorial from the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Michigan, asking the consent of the General Convention to the creation of a new Diocese within the limits of the present Diocese of Michigan, respectfully report that, having examined the documents committed to them, and found them to be correct, they recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, A request has been presented to the House of Deputies from the Diocese of Michigan that a new Diocese be erected in the present Diocese of Michigan, to be composed of the counties (naming counties as above); and

WHEREAS, It appears by official documents laid before this House that the Bishop of Michigan has consented to the erection of said Diocese, and that all the requirements of the fifth Article of the Constitution and of the Canons are fulfilled, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House do concur in the action communicated to it in Message No. 10 from the House of Bishops, consenting to and ratifying the formation of the proposed new Diocese within the Diocese of Michigan.

The General Convention having thus completed its action, the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of Michigan, issued a call, dated the 17th of October, A. D. 1874, for the meeting of the Primary Convention of the new Diocese in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, on Wednesday, the 2d day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Which call was duly sent as certified by the Hon. J. V. Campbell, Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Michigan, "to the various Clergy and Parishes of the proposed new Diocese."

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4. *Papers procured by the Committee of Five, and placed before the General Convention.*

No. 1—THE OFFICIAL CONSENT OF THE BISHOP.

DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN, DETROIT, July 6, 1874.

I do hereby give my consent, as required by Art. V. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, to the formation of a new Diocese to be erected within the limits of the present Diocese of Michigan, as defined by the action of the Convention of this Church in June, 1874.

SAMUEL A. MCCOSKRY, Bishop of Michigan.

No. 2—THE OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, June 13, 1874.

At the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Michigan, held at Grand Rapids, Kent County, June 10 and 11, A. D. 1874, it was

Resolved, That the Counties of Branch, St. Joseph, Cass, Berrien, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Eaton, Barry, Allegan, Ottawa, Kent, Ionia, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Clare, Osceola, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Benzie, Leelenaw, Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet be, and the same are, set apart and erected into a new Diocese (if the assent of the Bishop and General Convention be given), under the name of ..... And that the remainder of the counties in the Lower Peninsula not above designated, with the Upper Peninsula and Mackinac Island, shall constitute the present Diocese of Michigan. And that the General Convention be respectfully requested to grant the request of this Convention to such division, when the Constitution and Canons relative to such cases are complied with.

A true extract from the minutes. Attest,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE, Secretary.

3—A LIST OF THE PRESBYTERS IN THE PROPOSED NEW DIOCESE.

To the House of Bishops of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church:

DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN, GRAND RAPIDS, Sept., 1874.

It is hereby certified that the following named Presbyters have been canonically resident for not less than one year, regularly settled in a Parish or Congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop, in that portion of the Diocese of Michigan it is proposed to set off for a new Diocese.

P. A. Almquist,	J. W. Bancroft,	Sidney Beckwith,
Seth S. Chapin,	James F. Conover,	Samuel Earp,
Colley A. Foster, LL. D.,	John E. Jackson,	Henderson Judd,
Albert C. Lewis,	Moseley Morris,	Gerret E. Peters,
Jos. B. Prichard,	A. W. Snyder,	V. Spalding,
J. Rice Taylor,	John L. Taylor,	Sidney H. Woodford.

Being, in all, 18.

SAMUEL A. McCOSKRY,
Bishop of Michigan.

Attest: GEO. D. GILLESPIE, Secretary.

4—NUMBER OF PRESBYTERS AND PARISHES LEFT IN THE OLD DIOCESE.

To the House of Bishops of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church:

DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN, GRAND RAPIDS, Sept., 1874.

It is hereby certified that the Diocese of Michigan, after the proposed new Diocese within its present bounds shall be set off, will not be reduced so as to contain less than twelve Presbyters canonically resident, settled in a Parish or congregation, and entitled to vote for a Bishop, nor less than twelve self-supporting Parishes.

SAMUEL A. McCOSKRY, Bishop of Michigan.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE, Secretary of the Diocese of Michigan.

5—LIST OF SELF-SUPPORTING PARISHES.

To the House of Bishops of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church:

DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN, GRAND RAPIDS, Sept., 1874.

It is hereby certified that the following named Parishes, contained in the bounds of that part of the Diocese of Michigan of which it is proposed to form a new Diocese, are self-supporting, viz.:

Church of the Good Shepherd	Allegan	Allegan	County.
Emmanuel Church	Hastings	Barry	"
St. Mark's "	Coldwater	Branch	"
Trinity "	Niles	Berrien	"
Trinity "	Marshall	Calhoun	"
St. Thomas' "	Battle Creek	"	"
St. James' "	Albion	"	"
St. John's "	Ionia	Ionia	"
St. Luke's "	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	"
St. John's "	Kalamazoo	"	"
St. Mark's "	Grand Rapids	Kent	"
St. John's "	Grand Haven,	Ottawa	"
Trinity "	Three Rivers	St. Joseph	"

In all 13.

SAMUEL A. McCOSKRY,
Bishop of Michigan.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE, Secretary of the Diocese of Michigan.

6—THE EXACT BOUNDARIES OF THE NEW DIOCESE.

On the North: Lake Michigan and the Straits of Mackinac.
On the East: The Counties named Cheboygan, Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon, Gladwin, Midland, Gratiot, Clinton, Ingham, Jackson, Hillsdale.
On the South: The Northern boundary of Ohio and Indiana.
On the West: Lake Michigan.

7—STATEMENT OF THE PROVISION MADE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE BISHOP.

DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND RAPIDS, Sept. 28, 1874.

The committee appointed to receive subscriptions to a permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of the Diocese proposed to be erected in the Western part of the Diocese of Michigan, and described in documents No. 2 and No. 6, presented herewith, report that they have received subscriptions to the amount of thirty-four thousand, five hundred and forty-five dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal fund upon the organization of the said Diocese.

JAMES F. COXOVER, Chairman of the Committee.

Diocese of Western Michigan,

ORGANIZED DECEMBER 2nd, A. D. 1874.

Bishop-Elect.

THE REV. GEORGE D. GILLESPIE.

Secretary.

REV. JOSEPH W. BANCROFT, HASTINGS.
REV. SIDNEY BECKWITH, *Assistant.*

Treasurer of the Convention.

MR. THEODORE P. SHELDON, KALAMAZOO.

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

MR. FREDERICK A. GORHAM, GRAND RAPIDS.

Registrar of the Diocese.

REV. SAMUEL EARP, GRAND RAPIDS.

Standing Committee.

REV. WILLIAM STOWE, PRESIDENT, GRAND HAVEN.
REV. JAMES F. CONOVER, SECRETARY, KALAMAZOO.
REV. SAMUEL EARP, REV. ALBERT W. SNYDER,
MESSRS. ALONZO PLATT, L. C. CHAPIN, AND N. P. LOVERIDGE.

Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

Mr. FREDERICK A. GORHAM, TREASURER.
Mr. C. P. DIBBLE, MR. HENRY BREES.

Members of the Board of Missions.

Elected in General Convention, October, 1874.

REV. SAMUEL EARP, Mr. T. P. SHELDON,
" J. F. CONOVER, " F. A. GORHAM,
" J. W. BANCROFT. " N. P. LOVERIDGE,
Mr. W. R. SHELBY.

List of the Clergy

Canonically Resident in the Diocese of Western Michigan, December 2d, A. D. 1874.

The year after each name denotes the beginning of PRESENT Canonical residence within the limits of this Diocese.

PRESBYTERS.

BANCROFT, JOSEPH W.—1865—Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings.

BARKER, DARIUS—1866—P. O., Paw Paw.

BECKWITH, SIDNEY—1869—Rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids.

CHAPIN, SETH S.—1873—Minister of the Chapels of Grace and of the Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids.

CLARK, JOHN W.—1874—Rector of St. John's Church, Ionia.

COLEMAN, JOHN—1874—Rector of Trinity Church, Niles.

CONOVER, JAMES F.—1872—Rector of St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

EARP, SAMUEL—1870—Rector of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

FOOTE, LUMAN—1840—P. O., Charlotte.

FOSTER, COLLEY A., LL. D.—1864—Rector of St. John's Church, Kalamazoo.

HUSON, CHARLES R.—1871—P. O., Coldwater.

LEWIS, ALBERT C.—1870—Rector of St. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids.

LUSK, WILLIAM, Jr.—1869.

MORRIS, MOSELEY—1870—Rector of St. Paul's Church, Courtland. P. O., Grand Rapids.

PETERS, GERRET E.—1870—Rector of St. James' Church, Albion.

PRICHARD, JOSEPH B.—1869—Missionary at Ludington and Pentwater.

SAFFORD, HENRY—1870—P. O., Coldwater.

SELKREIG, JAMES—1834—P. O., Bradley, Allegan Co.

SNYDER, ALBERT W.—1873—Rector of St. Paul's Church, Muskegon.

SPALDING, V.—1872—Rector of Christ Church, St. Joseph.

STOWE, WILLIAM—1874—Rector of St. John's Church, Grand Haven.

TAYLOR, J. RICE—1867—Rector of Grace Church, Holland, and All Saints Saugatuck.

TAYLOR, JOHN L.—1873—Missionary at Eaton Rapids and Charlotte.

WHITTEMORE, H. B.—1874—Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall.

WOOD, ROBERT—1861—P. O., Ionia.

WOODFORD, SIDNEY H.—1873—Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greenville.

DEACONS.

BABCOCK, ISAIAH J.—1849—P. O., Kalamazoo.

BECK, M. ERASTUS—1874—Rector of Trinity Church, Three Rivers.

CANDIDATE FOR HOLY ORDERS.

CHARLES TAYLOR WOOD, for Deacon's Orders, August 7, 1873, Hobart College, Geneva, New York.

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Mr. Peirce was elected permanent Secretary, and Mr. Fuller Secretary *pro tem.*

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Carried.

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P. R. L. Peirce, Secretary of the Committee.

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3. *Action of the General Convention.*

On the fifth day of the session of the General Convention, Oct. 12, A. D. 1874, message No. 10 from the House of Bishops informed the House of Deputies that it had adopted the following resolution:

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Subsequently, on the twelfth day of the session, Rev. Mr. Hanckel, of Virginia, from the Committee on the Admission of New Dioceses, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

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ST. MARK'S CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
WEDNESDAY, 10 o'clock A. M., Dec. 2, A. D. 1874.

Pursuant to a call addressed to the Clergy and Parishes within certain specified Counties of the State of Michigan, the Rt. Rev. SAMUEL A. MCCOSKRY, D. D., D. C. L., Oxon., Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity, assembled as above, for the purpose of organizing a New Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Bishop having taken the chair, and called to order, announced that the Convention had assembled conformably to a call issued by himself, which call he then read, as follows, viz.:

HOUSE OF BISHOPS, NEW YORK, Oct. 17, 1874.

To the Clergy and Parishes lying within that portion of Michigan about to be set off as a New Diocese—GREETING:

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America having ratified the action of the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan, whereby that portion of the Diocese lying within the Counties of Branch, St. Joseph, Cass, Berrien, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Eaton, Barry, Allegan, Ottawa, Kent, Ionia, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Clare, Osceola, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Benzie, Leelenaw, Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet, has been set off as a New Diocese, to take effect on its organization by a Primary Convention; it is made my duty by Section 1, Canon 6, Title III, of the Digest, to call the said Primary Convention of the new Diocese, for the purpose of enabling it to organize said Diocese—and to elect a Bishop if thought advisable. Acting under this authority, I hereby call a Convention of the Clergy and Laity of that portion of the Diocese thus set off, to meet in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, on Wednesday, the 2d day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the morning, then and there to assemble and organize as a New Diocese, and to elect a

Bishop if thought advisable. Until such New Diocese shall be fully organized it is under the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Michigan and hence the same provisions which regulate the election of Delegates in the Diocese of Michigan, must govern the choice of the Parishes of the new Diocese, requiring of them the same credentials of appointment as are now required by the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan.

Praying that God may guide you in all your deliberations, and breathe upon you the Spirit of Peace, and Love, and Unity,

I remain, with great affection, your Bishop,

SAM'L A. McCOSKRY.

By direction of the Bishop, a list of the Clergy residing within the limits of the New Diocese was then read by the Rev. J. W. Clark, Rector of St. John's Church, Ionia, and the following responded to their names:

The Rev. Samuel Earp,	The Rev. John W. Clark,
" Seth S. Chapin,	" Sidney H. Woodford,
" Moseley Morris,	" Robert Wood,
" A. W. Snyder,	" Joseph W. Bancroft,
" J. B. Prichard,	" H. B. Whittemore,
" James F. Conover,	" C. A. Foster,
" Henry Safford,	" M. E. Buck,
" J. Rice Taylor,	" V. Spalding,
" William Stowe,	" John L. Taylor,
" Sidney Beckwith,	" A. C. Lewis,

The Rev. Gerret E. Peters.

Motion was made to refer the credentials of the Lay Delegates to a Committee of two Clergymen, to report thereon.

Which motion prevailed, and the Chair appointed as such Committee the Rev. J. W. Bancroft and the Rev. Sidney Beckwith.

The hour for Divine Service having arrived, on motion, it was

Resolved, That we now adjourn until half-past 2 o'clock P. M.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Morning Prayer to the Creed was read by the Rev. V. Spalding, the Rev. J. Rice Taylor reading the Lessons; the Creed and Collects were read by the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, and the Litany by the Rev. J. F. Conover.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, the Rector of the Parish, Rev. Samuel Earp, reading the Epistle.

The Sermon was preached by the Bishop—Acts 1:26.

The Holy Communion was then celebrated by the Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Earp reading the first part of the service to the Absolution, and the Rev. Messrs. J. W. Clark, C. A. Foster, Henry Safford, and Robert Wood, assisting in the distribution of the elements.

The Post-Communion was read by the Rev. C. A. Foster, the Bishop offering the closing Collects and pronouncing the Benediction.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 1-2 o'clock.

The Convention re-assembled. After prayer by the Bishop, the Roll of the Clergy was called, and the same Clergymen responded as at the morning roll-call.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft, of the Committee upon the Certificates of the Lay Delegates, presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee respectfully reports that the credentials referred to its examination are, with one exception, in due form, and the following persons are canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, viz.: From

Albion	St. James'	*James Graves. F. Wheelock. *B. G. Fisher.
Big Rapids	St. Andrew's	C. W. Nottingham. *Eseck P. Clark. Luther Cobb.
Coldwater	St. Mark's	Dr. David C. Powers. Noah P. Loveridge. Alex. A. Boutell.
Court'land	St. Paul's	George T. Saunders. Thos. Addison. *Joseph Salkeld.
Grand Haven	St. John's	*Isaac H. Sanford. S. C. Mower. *W. A. Angel.
Grand Rapids	St. Mark's	Alonzo Platt. Peter R. L. Peirce. Wm. R. Shelby.

Grand Rapids	St. Paul's Memorial	Nathaniel Fisk. Alfred B. Turner. Henry Baldrey.
Greenville	St. Paul's	Wm. R. Griffith. *C. Jesse Church. *Charles F. Morgan.
Hastings	Emmanuel	H. A. Goodyear. D. G. Robinson. M. W. Riker.
Ionia	St. Paul's Memorial	E. Taylor Montgomery. Wm. A. Starnes. Chas. S. Allison.
Kalamazoo	St. Luke's	L. C. Chapin. Theo. P. Sheldon. J. Davidson Burns.
Kalamazoo	St. John's	*John McKee. *Jacob R. Wagner. Edwin W. De Yoe.
Ludington	Grace	*G. Stewart Johnson. *Chas. H. De Puy.
Marshall	Trinity	C. P. Dibble. O. C. Comstock. S. P. Wormly.
Mendon	St. Paul's	Edwin Stewart. Daniel K. Van Ness. Levi Cole.
Muskegon	St. Paul's	A. G. Smith. J. B. Murphy. *W. H. Sibley.
Niles	Trinity	*R. G. Paine. J. P. Howlett. James L. Glen.
Saranac	Trinity	G. A. Cotton. Geo. W. Bush. F. T. Roberts.
St Joseph	Christ	Wm. J. Nott. John Reder. Damon A. Winslow.
Saugatuck	All Saints	D. L. Barber. *R. B. Neunham. *P. M. Abbey.
Three Rivers	Trinity	David M. Bateman. *Henry C. Taylor. John Cowling.

On motion the report was accepted.

The Committee reported, further, that the certificate of election presented from Grace Church, Holland, did not state that the

*Was not present.

Delegate presenting it is a communicant. But the Committee, being assured by the Rector of Grace Church that the Delegate named *is* a communicant, respectfully recommends that Mr. Heber Walsh be admitted to a seat in this Convention.

On motion, it was voted to admit as Lay Delegate from

Holland	Grace	Heber Walsh.

Subsequently, took their seats from

Allegan	Good Shepherd	Augustus Lilly. George Geppert. Alanson E. Calkins.

The names being called, 46 answered, representing 21 Parishes, and took their seats; 3 more answered at the second calling of the Roll, making the whole number of Parishes represented 22, and the whole number of Delegates present 49.

The Bishop declared the Convention ready for business.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Earp,

Resolved, That the Rules of Order of the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan, except as local circumstances may prevent, be, and are hereby declared to be, the Rules of Order for the government of the business of this Convention.

Mr. P. R. L. Peirce moved to amend by—*excepting the XVIth Rule.*

The amendment was accepted, and the resolution, as amended, prevailed.

Rules of Order

Of the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

I. In case the Bishop withdraw from the sittings of the Convention, he shall appoint a Presbyter to preside during his absence.

II. Each session shall be opened with prayer; the morning session of each day with the Daily Morning Prayer.

III. On the first day, the order of business shall be as follows:

FIRST DAY.

1. The roll of the Clergy (see Canon I.) shall be called by the Secretary, or, in his absence, by a Secretary *pro tem.*, to be elected *viva voce.*

2. The names of the Parishes entitled to representation shall be called, and the Lay Delegates from each shall present their certificates of election, which shall be referred to a committee of two Clergymen, to report thereon.

3. On the acceptance of their report, the roll of the Lay Delegates elected shall be called, and the President shall declare the Convention organized.

4. Irregular and defective certificates shall be reported to the Convention, which shall decide on the admission of the Delegates therein named.

5. A Secretary shall be elected by ballot, who may appoint an assistant, subject to the approval of the Convention.

6. If the Treasurer of the Convention be absent, a Treasurer *pro tem.* shall be elected by a *viva voce* vote.

7. The President shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

I. *On the Admission of Churches into Union with this Convention*—Consisting of two Clergymen and one Layman.

II. *On the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention*—Consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen.

III. *On the Report of the Trustees, and the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund*—Consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen.

IV. *On the Report and Accounts of the Church Extension Committee*—Consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen.

V. *On the Assessment of Parishes*—Consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen.

VI. *On Unfinished Business*—Consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen.

VII. *On Subjects and Speakers for the Missionary Meeting*—Consisting of two Clergymen and one Layman.

VIII. *On Christian Education*—Consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen.

IX. *On Canons*—Consisting of two Clergymen and two Laymen.

8. The Bishop's address shall then be in order, to be followed by the Parochial Reports.

9. The Reports of the Standing and the Church Extension Committees, the Treasurer of the Convention, the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, shall be presented and referred to the appropriate Committees.

10. Miscellaneous Business.

SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT DAYS.

IV. On the second, and each subsequent day, the Order of Business shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of the previous day.
2. The roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates called.
3. Missionary Pledges, unless otherwise ordered by the Bishop or the Convention.
4. Reports of Standing Committees in their order in Rule III.
5. Elections. (See Rule V.)
6. Reports of Special Committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business.

V. The election of Treasurer of the Convention, Registrar of the Diocese, Standing and Church Extension Committees, Trustees and Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, Deputies to the General Convention, and Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, shall be by ballot, and in this order: For each election the President shall appoint tellers, who shall receive and count

the votes, and report the result to the President, who shall declare it to the Convention before the next election shall be entered upon. A majority of all the votes cast shall constitute an election. If the Convention shall be able to finish its business in one day, these elections may take place after all the other business shall have been transacted.

GENERAL RULES.

VI. Before the final adjournment of the Convention, the minutes of the session about to close shall be read and corrected, and signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary.

VII. No resolution shall be entertained until it shall have been reduced to writing; and no motion shall be considered as before the Convention until it is seconded; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President.

VIII. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it indefinitely, or to a certain time; to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for either of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. A motion to adjourn and a motion to lay on the table shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

IX. A question being decided shall not be reconsidered at the same annual session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present; nor without the motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision.

X. Every member present when a motion is put shall vote thereon, unless excused by the Convention.

XI. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the Journal (*Concerning the vote by Orders see Constitution, Article VII.*)

XII. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

XIII. When a member desires to speak, he shall rise and address the President in an audible voice. If more than one member rise, the President shall determine the preference.

XIV. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Convention.

XV. No member shall withdraw from the Convention without leave asked and voted.

The first business in order being the election of a Secretary by ballot, the Chair appointed the Rev. Wm. Stowe and Mr. G. A. Cotton to serve as Tellers.

The Tellers reported the vote for Secretary as follows:

Ballots cast, 56; necessary to a choice, 29; Rev. J. W. Bancroft has received 35 votes, and is elected.

The Secretary asked and received the approval of the Convention to the appointment of the Rev. Sidney Beckwith as Assistant.

The Rev. Samuel Earp placed in the hands of the Secretary, to be filed with the Registrar of the Diocese, when elected, the original Call for this Convention, and the certificate of the Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Michigan that the said call was duly sent to the various Clergy and Parishes in the proposed new Diocese.

The Rev. J. F. Conover offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to designate a name for the New Diocese; that the vote be taken by orders, and that the name having a majority of votes be declared to be the name of the New Diocese; that if no name has a majority on such vote, the next vote thereafter shall be confined to the three names having the highest numbers, and if on that vote no name shall have a majority, the following vote shall be restricted to a choice from the two names having the highest number.

Mr. P. R. L. Peirce offered as a substitute:

Resolved, That we now proceed to give this Diocese a name, and that we vote upon it in the usual form.

The substitute prevailed by a vote of 28 to 26.

Mr. Peirce then offered the following:

Resolved, That the name of the Diocese be, "The Diocese of Western Michigan."

The Rev. J. W. Clark moved to amend by striking out the words "Western Michigan," and inserting the words "Grand Rapids."

Considerable discussion ensued upon the merits of these two names, and, finally, Rev. Mr. Clark moved (seconded by the Rev. Mr. Earp) to amend the amendment by the substitution of the word "Kent."

Upon reaching a vote, the yeas and nays were called, and a vote by orders demanded by the requisite number. (Const., Art. VII, and Rule of Order No. XI.)

The names of the Clergy were called, and the following voted in favor of the second amendment of Rev. Mr. Clark, viz.: Revs. Messrs. Chapin, Clark, and Earp—3.

The following voted against the same amendment, viz.: Revs. Messrs. Bancroft, Beckwith, Conover, Foster, Lewis, Morris, Peters, Prichard, Safford, Snyder, Spalding, Stowe, J. L. Taylor, J. Rice Taylor, Wood, and Woodford—16.

The amendment being voted down by the Clergy, the Chair announced the amendment "lost."

The question being taken on the first amendment of Mr. Clark, the names of the Clergy were called, and the Revs. Bancroft, Beckwith, Clark, Earp, Lewis, Morris, Prichard, Snyder, J. L. Taylor, and Woodford voted aye—10; and the Revs. Chapin, Conover, Foster, Peters, Safford, Spalding, Stowe, J. R. Taylor, and Wood voted nay—9.

The names of the Parishes were then called, and the following Parishes voted aye, viz.: St. Paul's, Muskegon, and.....—2.

The Parish of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, was divided—1. All other Parishes represented in the Convention voted nay—19.

The amendment was declared lost.

The original resolution of Mr. Peirce was then put to vote and adopted.

Clerical vote: Ayes—Bancroft, Chapin, Conover, Foster, Lewis, Peters, Safford, Spalding, Stowe, J. R. Taylor, and Wood—11. Nays—Beckwith, Clark, Earp, Morris, Prichard, Snyder, J. L. Taylor, and Woodford—8.

Lay vote: Parish divided, St. Mark's, Grand Rapids—1; Parishes not voting—2; Parishes voting aye—18; Parish voting nay, St. Paul's, Muskegon—1.

The Rt. Rev., the Chairman, thereupon informed the Convention that it was his duty, at that stage of the proceedings, to present the paper which he then read, as follows:

The new Diocese being now duly organized, under the name of the Diocese of Western Michigan, I hereby record my choice of the Diocese of Michigan, in accordance with the provisions of the Canon providing for the division of Dioceses. SAMUEL A. McCOSKRY.

Dec. 2, 1874.

The Bishop then announced that the duties devolved upon him in this Convention were now discharged, and, having called the Rev. C. A. Foster, LL. D., to the chair, he withdrew.

On motion of the Rev. Samuel Earp, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Diocese of Western Michigan be, and is hereby placed under the Episcopal charge of the Rt. Rev. Samuel A. McCoskry, D. D., D. C. L., *Oxon.*, Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, until such time as a Bishop be duly elected and consecrated for the said Diocese.

Mr. Peirce then offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three clergymen and three laymen be appointed to draft resolutions, or such other paper as may seem appropriate, expressive of our regard for the Bishop of Michigan, and the feelings of the members of this Convention, in view of the ecclesiastical separation which, by the action of the Convention this day had, has now canonically and constitutionally taken place.

The resolution was adopted, and the Chair appointed as such Committee the Rev. J. W. Clark, the Rev. Wm. Stowe, the Rev. J. Rice Taylor, and Messrs. P. R. L. Peirce, L. C. Chapin, and E. W. De Yoe.

The Rev. J. W. Clark offered the following:

Resolved, That the Rev. V. Spalding be a committee to wait on the Bishop, and acquaint him with the resolution of the Convention placing the Diocese, *ad interim*, under the care of the Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan.

Adopted unanimously.

The Rev. Mr. Spalding proceeded at once to the discharge of the duty assigned him, and, soon returning, the Convention rose to receive the Bishop, who, upon taking the Chair, stated that he had

intended to give some expression of his feelings, but at the moment dare not trust himself to make the attempt.

On motion of Mr. Peirce, it was

Resolved, That clergymen belonging to this Diocese, but not entitled t seats in this Convention, and clergymen from other Dioceses who may b present, be admitted to seats in this Convention; and such are requested t hand their names to the Secretary.

The following availed themselves of the invitation, viz.: Th Revs. L. L. Rogers and A. Reeves, of the Diocese of Michigan the Rev. W. Forgus, of the Diocese of Indiana, and the Rev. Joh G. Smith, of the Diocese of Illinois.

Mr. J. D. Burns offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of four clergymen and three laymen be a pointed to report a Constitution and Canons for the new Diocese, or suc amendments and alterations as may adapt the Constitution and Canons the old Diocese to the wants of the new; that their report be the first thin in order after the reading of the minutes and roll-call to-morrow mornin Dec. 3; and that the following named gentlemen compose said committe Rev. J. F. Conover, Rev. Samuel Earp, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. Wm Stowe; Messrs. L. C. Chapin, N. P. Loveridge, and P. R. L. Peirce.

The Rev. H. Safford moved to amend by striking out the word "a Constitution and Canons for the new Diocese, or", so as to lim the Committee to a reporting of amendments and alterations the old Constitution and Canons.

The amendment was lost by a vote of 23 ayes and 24 nays.

The resolution of Mr. Burns was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Earp, it was

Resolved, That the salary of the Bishop, when elected, be fixed at $3,0 per annum.

The Rev. Mr. Conover offered the following:

Resolved, That on Thursday, Dec. 3d, immediately after the reading of t minutes and the call of the roll at the afternoon session, the Convention into secret session, and after a season of silent prayer for the guidance the Holy Spirit, proceed to the election of a Bishop for this Diocese.

Mr. Peirce offered as a substitute:

Resolved, That the nomination and election of a Bishop for this Diocese be made the order of the day at 7 1-2 o'clock this evening, and that nominations be made in the following manner, to wit.: The names of candidates may be presented by any member, who may state his opinion of the fitness of such candidate, and all discussions with reference to such shall be in open session. The voting shall be by ballot, and a majority of the members present of each Order shall be necessary for a choice.

Pending the discussion of the substitute, the Convention adjourned until 7 : 30 P. M.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 7 1-2 o'clock, and, after prayer by the Bishop, resumed its work.

By permission of the Convention, Mr. Peirce withdrew his substitute, and offered another in its place, as follows:

Resolved, That this Convention adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Michigan, *ad interim*, except so far as any of them may be modified to meet any exigency that may arise during the present session, or such alterations as local circumstances shall require; and that for the purpose of the election of a Bishop, Art. IX of the Constitution shall read as follows:

Art. IX. The election of a Bishop shall be had in the following manner: Nominations shall be made in open Convention, by any member, and the qualifications of the nominee may be stated by the persons proposing a candidate, when the Convention shall proceed to ballot, and a majority of each Order shall determine a choice.

The substitute of Mr. Peirce being put to vote, received 30 ayes and 22 nays, and was declared adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Earp moved the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be, and are hereby tendered, through the Secretary, to the Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, for sundry courtesies which have greatly facilitated the business of the Convention.

Also, upon motion of the same gentleman, it was

Resolved, That the speeches in the matter of the election of a Bishop shall be confined to ten minutes each, and that no person be allowed to speak more than once except by permission of the Convention.

Nominations being in order, the Rev. Mr. Earp nominated for Bishop the Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor.

The Rev. Mr. Morris nominated the Rev. Samuel Earp, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

The Rev. Mr. A. C. Lewis proposed the name of James Rankine, D. D., of Geneva, N. Y.

The Rev. Mr. Conover presented the name of the Rev. Henry Anstice, of Rochester, N. Y.

The Rev. Mr. Peters nominated the Rev. M. Schuyler, D. D., of St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Chapin, of Kalamazoo, put in nomination the Rev. J. F. Conover, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

The Rev. J. Rice Taylor suggested the name of Bishop Hare.

The Convention having shown itself very lenient in regard to the 10 minute rule, and to the second, third, and fourth speeches (by the same gentlemen), at length, on motion, proceeded to ballot.

A few moments were given to silent prayer. The Chair appointed the Rev. J. R. Taylor and the Rev. V. Spalding as tellers to receive the Clerical votes, and Dr. L. C. Chapin and Mr. D. G. Robinson to receive the Lay votes.

FIRST BALLOT.

CLERICAL VOTE.		LAY VOTE.	
Geo. D. Gillespie	8	Geo. D. Gillespie	8
Samuel Earp	5	Samuel Earp	8
James Rankine	3	James Rankine	2
J. F. Conover	2	J. F. Conover	5
M. Schuyler	1	M. Schuyler	2

SECOND BALLOT.

G. D. Gillespie	9	G. D. Gillespie	8
S. Earp	7	S. Earp	10
J. Rankine	1	J. F. Conover	8
J. F. Conover	2	M. Schuyler	1
M. Schuyler	1	Lewis A. Kemper	1
		J. W. Brown	1

THIRD BALLOT.

G. D. Gillespie	8	G. D. Gillespie	5
S. Earp	8	S. Earp	12
Lewis A. Kemper	3	L. A. Kemper	1

FOURTH BALLOT.

G. D. Gillespie	10	G. D. Gillespie	6
S. Earp	5	S. Earp	10
L. A. Kemper	4	L. A. Kemper	2

FIFTH BALLOT.

G. D. Gillespie	11	G. D. Gillespie	8
S. Earp	8	S. Earp	9
L. A. Kemper	1	L. A. Kemper	2

After the announcement of the result of the fifth ballot, a motion was made for adjournment, which was lost—ayes 31, nays 31.

SIXTH BALLOT.

G. D. Gillespie	12	G. D. Gillespie	9
S. Earp	8	S. Earp	9

SEVENTH BALLOT.

G. D. Gillespie	13	G. D. Gillespie	11
S. Earp	7	S. Earp	8

The tellers reported that the Rev. G. D. Gillespie had received a majority of the votes of each order, and was therefore elected.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Earp, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Clark, the Rev. George D. Gillespie was declared to be the unanimous choice of this Convention for Bishop.

The Convention then rose and united in singing the *Gloria in Excelsis*, and after Prayers, and the Benediction of the Bishop, adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M., Dec. 3.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Dec. 3, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention re-assembled. Prayers having been said by the Bishop, he announced the necessity of his immediate departure; and, having expressed briefly his gratification in view of the harmony and good sense apparent in the conduct of the business of the Convention, and thanking the members for their consideration and good will toward himself, he retired, after calling to the Chair the Rev. C. A. Foster, LL. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Kalamazoo.

After the calling of the roll, the Secretary read the minutes of the first day's proceedings, which were corrected and approved.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Earp, the Rev. Dr. Foster was made President of the Convention.

The Rev. Robert Wood offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three clergymen and three laymen be appointed to announce to the Rev. G. D. Gillespie his election to the Episcopate of this Diocese.

The resolution was adopted, and the Committee appointed by the President, consisting of the Revs. S. Earp, J. W. Clark, J. F. Conover, Mr. C. P. Dibble, Dr. A. Platt, and Dr. L. C. Chapin.

The Rev. J. F. Conover, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, presented the report of that Committee, accompanied by the following resolution adopted in said Committee:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons be presented to the Convention, and its adoption provisionally be asked; also, that the committee ask permission to sit during the recess, and that the report be printed and distributed by the Secretary to the Clergy and families of the Diocese for examination.

A motion was then made and sustained that the Constitution and Canons presented by the Committee be read. Accordingly, the Chairman of the Committee read such portions of them as differed essentially from the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Michigan.

The Rev. J. W. Clark offered the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution and Canons as presented by the Committee on the same, be adopted simply for the interval between this date and the meeting of the first Annual Convention, to be then taken up for definite action upon the same, and on such changes therein as may be then presented by the Committee, said Committee being continued until that period.

The Rev. Mr. Earp moved to amend by inserting the words, "save as to the Canon on Missions," after the words "be adopted," in the second line.

The amendment was accepted by the Rev. Mr. Clark, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Earp,

Resolved, That the Constitution and Canons, as presented by the Committee, be printed in the Journal of this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Earp then presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the First Annual Convention of the Diocese be held in St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

2. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to inform the several Dioceses in the United States of the organization of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

3. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to publish, with the Journal of the Primary Convention, the various proceedings preparatory to its formation.

4. *Resolved*, That the Standing Committee, when elected, be requested to take the necessary measures to obtain the consecration of the Rev. George D. Gillespie, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

The Committee charged with the duty of preparing a suitable expression of the sentiments of the members of the Convention, in view of the close of the labors of the Bishop of Michigan in this portion of his original Diocese, submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, Under the auspices, as we humbly trust, of a favoring Providence, we, the representatives of the new Diocese of Western Michigan, have, by our action during the sitting of this Primary Convention, severed our connection with the Diocese of Michigan, to which, for a period of over a third of a century, we have been attached, by the bonds of church fellowship and ecclesiastical ties; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we cannot take leave of the first Bishop of Michigan, without putting upon record our unfeigned regret at the severance of a tie which has, for so many years, and amid such diversified cares, anxieties, hopes and fears, existed, and expressing our appreciation of his unwearied exertions and constant devotion to the wants of the Diocese during the period of his episcopate; and we feel deeply grateful for all that he has done in promoting the growth of the Church, preserving harmony in its councils, and in extending its salutary and conserving influence over this growing and prosperous State.

2. That our best wishes will always follow the Bishop of Michigan, and our prayers that his future life may be attended, as his past exertions have

been, by the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, so that when he shall have been gathered to his fathers, he, with us, and many more whose names shall have been written in the "Lamb's Book of Life," may be found in that "haven where we would be," in those mansions prepared for all who "love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth."

3. That a duly attested copy of these resolutions be furnished the Bishop of Michigan by the Secretary of the Convention.

JOHN W. CLARK,
WM. STOWE,
J. RICE TAYLOR.
L. C. CHAPIN,
P. R. L. PEIRCE.
E. W. DE YOE.

The Secretary gave notice that The Testimony in behalf of the Bishop-elect had been prepared, and was now ready for the signatures of the members of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. J. F. Conover, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rector and members of St. Mark's Parish for the hospitality extended to the members of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. A. W. Snyder,

Resolved, That it would be a gratification to the members of this Convention should the consecration of the Bishop-elect take place in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Clark,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to communicate this resolution to the Bishop-elect.

Elections being in order, on motion, the Vth Rule of Order was suspended, and on the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Earp, Mr. T. P. Sheldon, of Kalamazoo, was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Convention.

Under a like suspension of the rules, Mr. F. A. Gorham, of Grand Rapids, was, upon the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Clark, elected Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund; also, Mr. C. P. Dibble, of Marshall, and Mr. Henry Brees, of Kalamazoo, were elected Trustees of the Episcopal Fund; and the Rev. Samuel Earp was elected Registrar of the Diocese.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee by ballot.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Stowe and J. L. Taylor Tellers.

During the absence of the tellers, the Rev. J. W. Clark introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be authorized to have printed 300 copies of the Journal of this Convention, and to draw upon the Treasurer of this Diocese for payment of the same.

Motion was made, and prevailed, to defer the election of Deputies to the General Convention until the first Annual Convention; also, to defer the election of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

The Secretary of the Committee appointed at the XLth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Michigan, to prepare the papers requisite for the formation of the contemplated new Diocese, read the following

REPORT.

To the Primary Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, now in session in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids:

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the last Annual Convention of the Diocese of Michigan to prepare the papers which were necessary to be presented to the General Convention in relation to the formation of the new Diocese, beg leave to say that they performed the duty assigned them, and that their proceedings in relation thereto will be found in the papers accompanying this report, which will be handed to the Secretary of this Convention.

The Committee further state that they have obtained subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund to the amount of $34,570, and your Committee are of the opinion that it should be increased to $50,000.

By order of the Committee. P. R. L. PEIRCE, Secretary.

[Note by the Secretary of the Convention.—The papers mentioned in the foregoing Report may be found in the Introduction to this Journal, in connection with the Action of the General Convention.]

The Rev. J. F. Conover here introduced a resolution in reference to the increase of the Episcopal Fund, which he subsequently withdrew, by consent, in favor of one offered by the Rev. J. R. Taylor.

been, by the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, so that when he shall have been gathered to his fathers, he, with us, and many more whose names shall have been written in the "Lamb's Book of Life," may be found in that "haven where we would be," in those mansions prepared for all who "love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth."

8. That a duly attested copy of these resolutions be furnished the Bishop of Michigan by the Secretary of the Convention.

JOHN W. CLARK,
WM. STOWE,
J. RICE TAYLOR.
L. C. CHAPIN,
P. R. L. PEIRCE.
E. W. DE YOE.

The Secretary gave notice that The Testimony in behalf of the Bishop-elect had been prepared, and was now ready for the signatures of the members of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. J. F. Conover, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rector and members of St. Mark's Parish for the hospitality extended to the members of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. A. W. Snyder,

Resolved, That it would be a gratification to the members of this Convention should the consecration of the Bishop-elect take place in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Clark,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to communicate this resolution to the Bishop-elect.

Elections being in order, on motion, the Vth Rule of Order was suspended, and on the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Earp, Mr. T. P. Sheldon, of Kalamazoo, was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Convention.

Under a like suspension of the rules, Mr. F. A. Gorham, of Grand Rapids, was, upon the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Clark, elected Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund; also, Mr. C. P. Dibble, of Marshall, and Mr. Henry Brees, of Kalamazoo, were elected Trustees of the Episcopal Fund; and the Rev. Samuel Earp was elected Registrar of the Diocese.

upon the Rev. Mr. Earp offered a substitute, which he subsequently withdrew.

The Tellers reported the election of the Rev. Mr. Snyder as a member of the Standing Committee, thus making its number complete.

The Convention then adjourned until 2 1-2 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayers were said by the President of the Convention.

Mr. C. P. Dibble offered the following in place of Mr. Earp's substitute, which he had withdrawn by consent:

Resolved, That the matter of the assessment by the Diocese of Michigan upon the Parishes within the Diocese, and pledges by the said Parishes to the Church Extension Fund, be referred to the Standing Committee of this Diocese for adjustment with the Diocese of Michigan.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. S. Earp, it was

Resolved, That the Missionary work of the Diocese be entrusted to the Standing Committee, together with the Rev. Messrs. Conover and Bancroft, until the First Annual Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Snyder offered the following, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of $15.00 be appropriated to the Sexton of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

After Singing the *Gloria in Excelsis*, and Prayers, the Convention, on motion, adjourned *sine die*.

C. A. FOSTER,
President of the Convention.

Attest: JOSEPH WEBB BANCROFT, Secretary.
SIDNEY BECKWITH, Assistant Sec'y.

APPENDIX.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western Michigan, held in St. Mark's Church Vestry Room, Grand Rapids, Dec. 15, 1874, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Standing Committee be directed to send to the Standing Committees of the various Dioceses the Testimonials of the election of the Rev. George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan, together with the request of this Committee for their consent to his Consecration.

In compliance with this resolution, the Testimonials, properly authenticated, were sent out, with the request of the Committee, on Thursday, Dec. 17, 1874, which request was in the following form:

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

KALAMAZOO, December 17, 1874.

To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of.....

By appointment of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western Michigan, we hereby communicate to you the desire of the Church in this Diocese for the Consecration of

Rev. George DeNormandie Gillespie,

Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor, as a Bishop in the Church of God; and we communicate herewith evidence of his election by the Convention of this Diocese and copies of the necessary testimonials, and ask your consent to his Consecration as required by Section 3, Canon 13, Title 1, of the Canons of the General Convention.

Permit us to request your early action, and that you will communicate the same to the Secretary, at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

WILLIAM STOWE, *President.*

JAMES F. CONOVER, *Secretary,*

Of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

The Diocese of Michigan was the first to act upon the request, giving consent on December 21.

On Monday, January 18, 1875, the Secretary of the Standing Committee, having received the Testimonials duly signed of a majority of the Standing Committees, officially notified the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of Kentucky and Presiding Bishop, of the action of the Diocese in reference to the election of a Bishop, and also that the official consent of a majority of all the Standing Committees had been received by him.

In due time the Secretary received the following reply to his communication:

HOBOKEN, Feb. 6, 1875.

A majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and also a majority of its Bishops having consented to the Consecration of the Rev. George DeNormandie Gillespie, D. D., Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and he having signified his acceptance, order is hereby given for his Consecration as follows:

Time—St. Matthias' Day, Feb. 24.

Place—St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

Consecrator—The Bishop of Michigan.

Preacher—The Bishop of Long Island.

Presenters—The Bishop of Indiana and the Bishop of Massachusetts.

Present and Assisting—The Bishop of Missouri and the Bishop of Wisconsin.

(Signed) B. B. SMITH, *Presiding Bishop.*

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WILLIAM STOWE, *Presider*

[illegible]ER, *Secretary,*

[illegible] *Committee of the Diocese of Western Michigan.*

The Second Lesson (II Tim., 2d) was read by Rev. John W. Clark, of Ionia.

The Creed and Collects (for Peace, for Grace, and for the Civil Authorities) were said by the Rev. C. A. Foster, of Kalamazoo.

After the singing of the 99th of the Hymns contained in the Book of Common Prayer, the Right Reverend, the Bishop Presiding, began the Ante-Communion office.

The Bishop of Missouri read the Epistle, 1 Tim., III., 1.

The Bishop of Wisconsin read the Gospel, St. Matt. XXVII., 18.

The 4th, 5th and 6th stanzas of the 99th Selection of Psalms as contained in the Prayer Book, were then sung.

The sermon was preached by the Right Reverend A. N. Littlejohn, D. D., Bishop of Long Island, from II. Tim., 1 : 13 and 14 :

Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost, which dwelleth in us.

After the Sermon, the Consecration proper began.

The Elected Bishop, vested with his Rochet, advancing from his position among the other Clergy, was received by the Presenting Bishops, the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of Indiana, and the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of Massachusetts, and presented to the Bishop Presiding, sitting in his chair, near the Holy Table, in these words :

Reverend Father in God, we present unto you this godly and well-learned man, to be Ordained and Consecrated Bishop.

The Testimonials, as required by the Canons, were then demanded by the Presiding Bishop, whereupon the several Testimonials were presented and read as follows :

By the Rev. Sidney Beckwith, Assistant Secretary of the Convention :

Rt. Rev. Father in God :

I present to you the original Testimonial of the Convention of this Diocese, certifying to the election of the Rev. George D. Gillespie, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and which is as follows :

SERVICES

At the Consecration of Bishop Gillespie, in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, St. Matthias' Day, 1875.

At ten and a half o'clock A. M. of the day above designated, a procession of Clergy and Laity entered the Church, and standing in the central aisle until the singing of the Processional, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty," was concluded, advanced to the seats assigned them, in the following order:

The Rt. Rev. Sam'l A. McCoskry, D. D., D. C. L., Oxon., Bishop of Michigan, Bishop Presiding.

The Rt. Rev. J. C. Talbot, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Indiana.

The Rt. Rev. Benjamin H. Paddock, D. D., Bishop of Massachusetts.

The Rt. Rev. W. H. A. Bissell, D. D., Bishop of Vermont.

The Rt. Rev. C. F. Robertson, D. D., Bishop of Missouri.

The Rt. Rev. E. R. Welles, D. D., Bishop of Wisconsin.

THE BISHOP-ELECT,

with the Rev. Dr. Schetky, of the Diocese of Michigan, and the Rev. Samuel Earp, of the Diocese of Western Michigan, his attendant Presbyters.

Clergymen appointed to read the Testimonials.

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Fourteen *surpliced* Clergymen of the Diocese of Michigan.

Twelve " " of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

Two, from other Dioceses, viz: the Rev. A. E. Bishop of Indiana and the Rev. J. I. Corbyn of Missouri.

Lay officers of the Diocese of Michigan.

Lay officers of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

Representatives of the Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor.

Morning Prayer to the Psalter was said by Rev. Thomas C. Pitkin, D. D., of Detroit.

The Psalter (VIIIth Selection) was said by Rev. Augustus Bush, of Dexter.

The First Lesson (the LXIst Chap. of Isaiah) was read by Rev. Albert C. Lewis, of Elk Rapids.

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TESTIMONY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the Primary Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, held in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, on the second day of December, A. D. 1874:

The Rev. George D. Gillespie, D. D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, by a canonical majority of the Clergy and Laity, and on concurrent ballots, was duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

Attest: JOSEPH WEBB BANCROFT,

Hastings, Mich., Dec. 14, 1875. *Secretary of the Convention.*

By the Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft, Secretary of the Convention:

RT. REV. FATHER IN GOD:

I present to you the original Testimony of the Members of the Convention, in the form prescribed by the Canon, which is as follows:

DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN,

IN CONVENTION,

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, DEC. 3, A.D. 1874.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do in the presence of ALMIGHTY GOD, testify, that the

REVEREND GEORGE D. GILLESPIE

Is not, so far as we know, or are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness of life, and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that Holy office.

We do moreover, jointly and severally, declare that we do, in our conscience, believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in the faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners, and Godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the office of Bishop, to the honor of GOD, and the edifying of His Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of CHRIST.

Sam'l Earp, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

Gerret E. Peters, Rector of St. James' Church, Albion.

Joseph B. Prichard, Missionary at Ludington and Pentwater.

A. W. Snyder, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Muskegon.

John L. Taylor, Missionary at Eaton Rapids and Charlotte.

Robert Wood, Ionia.

J. F. Conover, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

Sidney Beckwith, Rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids.

Henry Safford, Coldwater.

M. Erastus Buck, Rector of Trinity Church, Three Rivers.

J. Rice Taylor, Rector of Grace Church, Holland, and of All Saints Church, Saugatuck.

Sidney H. Woodford, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greenville.

Wm. Stowe, Rector of St. John's Church, Grand Haven.

C. A. Foster, Rector of St. John's Church, Kalamazoo.

John W. Clark, Rector of St. John's Church, Ionia.

Albert C. Lewis, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids.

S. S. Chapin, Rector of Grace Chapel, Grand Rapids.

LAY DELEGATES.

Alonzo Platt, P. R. L. Pierce, W. R. Shelby, St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

H. A. Goodyear, D. G. Robinson, M. W. Riker, Emmanuel Church, Hastings.

F. Wheelock, St. James' Church, Albion.

N. P. Loveridge, Alex. A. Boutell, St. Mark's Church, Coldwater.

Daniel K. Van Ness, Levi Cole, St. Paul's Church, Mendon.

G. A. Cotton, F. T. Roberts, Geo. W. Bush, Trinity Church, Saranac.

Heber Walsh, Grace Church, Holland.

E. Taylor Montgomery, C. S. Allison, St. John's Church, Ionia.

C. P. Dibble, O. C. Comstock, S. P. Wormly, Trinity Church, Marshall.

L. C. Chapin, J. Davidson Burns, T. P. Sheldon, St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

Damon A. Winslow, Wm. J. Nott, Christ Church, St. Joseph.

Nathaniel Fisk, Alfred B. Turner, St. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids.

E. W. DeYoe, St. John's Church, Kalamazoo.

D. M. Bateman, John Cowling, Trinity Church, Three Rivers.

James L. Glen, Jas. P. Howlett, Trinity Church, Niles.

Alpheus G. Smith, J. B. Murphy, St. Paul's Church, Muskegon.

Augustus Lilly, George Geppert, A. E. Calkins, Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan.

The foregoing testimonial was signed in open session, by a majority of the Clergy, and of the Lay Delegates, composing the Convention.

Attest: JOSEPH WEBB BANCROFT,

Secretary of the Convention.

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WILLIAM STOWE, *President.*

JAMES F. CONOVER, *Secretary,*

Of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

Church, given their consent to the Consecration of the Reverend George DeNormandie Gillespie, D. D., Presbyter and Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor, in the Diocese of Michigan, as Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal as Presiding Bishop aforesaid, in the city of Hoboken, N. Y., on this fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord 1875, and in the 43rd year of my Consecration.

B. B. SMITH,
Presiding Bishop.

Attest:

HENRY C. POTTER, *Rector of Grace Church, New York, and Secretary of the House of Bishops.*

Appended to the foregoing statement is the following memorandum:

Feb. 6. Thirty-four Bishops consenting.

The Bishop-elect then made the required

PROMISE OF CONFORMITY,

as follows:

In the Name of God. Amen.

I, George D. Gillespie, chosen Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western Michigan, do promise conformity and obedience to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

The Right Reverend, the Bishop Consecrating, then proceeded with the *Litany*, after which he put the required interrogatories to the Bishop-elect. The examination being concluded, the attendant Presbyters vested the Bishop-elect in the rest of the Episcopal habit, and, he kneeling down, the *Veni Creator Spiritus* was sung alternately by the Bishop Presiding and the other Bishops and Clergy.

The Bishop Presiding then pronounced the words of *Consecration*, the other Bishops uniting in the *Imposition of Hands.*

The new Bishop then arose, and after the delivery of the Holy Bible into his hands by the Bishop Presiding, he was received by the other Bishops into the Chancel.

The Bishop Presiding then proceeded with the administration of the Holy Communion, the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of Vermont reading the *Offertory* and the Prayer for the *Church Militant*, and the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of Indiana saying the *Exhortation, Confession and Comfortable Words.* The *Ter-Sanctus* was sung by the Choir and Clergy. The 207th Hymn of the Hymnal was sung, when the Bishop Presiding proceeded in the distribution of the Elements, assisted by the other Bishops.

The *Post Communion* was said by the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of Missouri, the *Gloria in Excelsis* was sung by the whole Congregation, and the final special *Prayers and Benediction* were pronounced by the Bishop Presiding.

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First Annual Convention.

The first Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan will meet in St Luke's Church, Kalamazoo on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of May A D. 1875. at 10 o'clock A. M.

Hastings, Mich. Joseph Webb Bancroft,
Secretary.

WESTERN MICHIGAN.

First Annual Convention,

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WESTERN MICHIGAN.

First Annual Convention,

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NOTICES.

The Rev. S. S. Chapin having, on the 15th of July, tendered his resignation of the office of Registrar of the Diocese, and the Standing Committee not yet having filled the vacancy, notice is hereby given that, for the present, matter intended for the Registrar may be sent to the Assistant Secretary.

The attention of the Parishes is particularly requested to the following Resolution of the Convention and Canonical provisions:

RESOLVED, *That the Parishes be recommended to make provision for the expenses of their Clergymen attending the Semi-Annual Missionary Meetings.*

THE CHRISTMAS FUND TO AID AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, AND WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THE CLERGY OF THIS DIOCESE.

"*It is hereby made the duty of every Parish to make an annual offering for this Fund, on Christmas day, or the Sunday preceding or succeeding Christmas day.*" Canon XIII, Section 1.

"It shall be the duty of the Minister of every Parish, Mission and Congregation in the Diocese, to make a collection for Diocesan Missions, monthly, or by stated pledge from the members of the Parish or Congregation, and remit the proceeds to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Diocese." Canon XVIII, Section 4.

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Canons

1898. OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION, AND OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

TITLE I.—CANON XII.—GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MINISTERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

§ I. [1.] It is hereby required, that on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:

We, the Church Wardens (or, in case of an Assistant Minister, We, the Rector and Church Wardens), do certify to the Right Rev. (naming the Bishop), or to the Rev. (naming the President of the Standing Committee) that (naming the person) has been duly chosen Rector (or Assistant Minister, as the case may be), of (naming the Parish or Church.)

Which certificate shall be signed by the names of those who certify.

§ II. No Minister, removing from one Diocese or Missionary District to another, shall officiate as the Rector, stated Minister, or Assistant Minister of any Parish or Congregation of the Diocese or Missionary District to which he removes, until he shall have obtained from the ecclesiastical authority a certificate in the words following :—

I hereby certify that the Rev. A—— B—— has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction, and is a Minister in regular standing.

CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN—X. OF VACANT CHURCHES.

§ II. Whenever a Church becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

§ III. The Bishop may appoint those of the Clergy in the Diocese who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant Parishes, at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper. It shall be the duty of such vacant Churches thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incidental to such occasional services.

TITLE II.—CANON XII.—GENERAL CONVENTION.—REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE LAITY.

§ I. A Communicant removing from one Parish to another, shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or, if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a Communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive him or her as a Communicant until such letter be produced.

Diocese of Western Michigan—A. D. 1875.

Bishop of the Diocese.

THE RT. REV. GEORGE D. GILLESPIE, D. D.

Secretary of the Convention.

REV. JOSEPH W. BANCROFT, HASTINGS.

Assistant Secretary.

REV. SIDNEY BECKWITH, GRAND RAPIDS.

Treasurer of the Convention.

THEODORE P. SHELDON, KALAMAZOO.

Registrar of the Diocese.

REV. SETH S. CHAPIN, GRAND RAPIDS.

Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

FREDERICK A. GORHAM, TREASURER, Grand Rapids.
CHARLES P. DIBBLE, HENRY BREES.

Standing Committee.

REV. WILLIAM STOWE, PRESIDENT, Grand Haven.
REV. JAMES F. CONOVER, SECRETARY, Kalamazoo.
REV. SAMUEL EARP, REV. ALBERT W. SNYDER,
MESSRS. ALONZO PLATT, LEBEUS C. CHAPIN,
N. P. LOVERIDGE.

Examining Chaplains.

REV. V. SPALDING,
In charge of "The First Examination."

REV. C. A. FOSTER, LL. D.
In charge of "The Second Examination."

REV. A. C. LEWIS,
In charge of "The Third Examination."

REV. JOHN W. CLARK,
In charge of "The examination of the literary qualifications of a Postulant or Candidate," and "of a candidate for the office and administration of a Deacon only."

Board of Missions.

THE RT. REV. GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
PRESIDENT, EX-OFFICIO.

REV. JOHN COLEMAN, SECRETARY, Niles.

REV. H. B. WHITTEMORE, REV. SETH S. CHAPIN,
REV. JOHN W. CLARK, REV. ALBERT C. LEWIS,
P. R. L. PEIRCE, WM. B. WILLIAMS,
C. P. DIBBLE, DAVID M. BATEMAN.

A. G. SMITH, TREASURER, Muskegon.

Deputies to the General Convention.

REV. SAMUEL EARP, P. R. L. PEIRCE,
REV. JAMES F. CONOVER, J. D. BURNS,
REV. JOSEPH W. BANCROFT, J. L. GLEN,
REV. ALBERT C. LEWIS, WM. B. WILLIAMS.

Trustee of the General Theological Seminary.

REV. JOHN W. CLARK.

Nominated to the General Convention of 1877, as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

REV. SAMUEL EARP, REV. JOHN COLEMAN,
REV. JOHN L. TAYLOR, HON. GEO. WOODRUFF.

Committees Appointed [or Continued] to Report to the next Convention.

On the Increase of the Episcopal Fund.

REV. J. F. CONOVER, REV. SAMUEL EARP,
P. R. L. PIERCE, S. L. FULLER,

On Education.

REV. H. B. WHITTEMORE, REV. GERRET E. PETERS,
REV. JOHN L. TAYLOR, JOHN M'KEE,
JAMES L. GLEN.

On the Constitution and Canons.

REV. J. F. CONOVER, REV. SAMUEL EARP,
REV. J. W. BANCROFT, REV. WM. STOWE,
L. C. CHAPIN, N. P. LOVERIDGE,
P. R. L. PEIRCE.

To Make a Settlement with the Diocese of Michigan.

REV. JAMES F. CONOVER, THEODORE P. SHELDON,
WM. R. SCHUYLER.

Representation of the Diocese in the Board of Missions.

THE RT. REV. GEORGE D. GILLESPIE, *Ex-Officio.*
REV. SAMUEL EARP, T. P. SHELDON,
REV. JAMES F. CONOVER, F. A. GORHAM,
REV. JOSEPH W. BANCROFT, N. P. LOVERIDGE,
W. R. SHELBY,

By Election in the General Convention.

The members-elect above named have effected an organization "For Promoting the Work of the Board," and have assigned the work as follows:

Local Secretaries.

REV. SAMUEL EARP, Grand Rapids,
For Domestic Missions.

REV. JAMES F. CONOVER, Kalamazoo,
For Foreign Missions.

REV. JOSEPH W. BANCROFT, Hastings,
For Home Missions to Colored People.

REV. JOHN COLEMAN, Niles,
For Indian Missions.

MRS. S. L. FULLER, Grand Rapids,
For Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

T. P. SHELDON, F. A. GORHAM, N. P. LOVERIDGE, for promoting the circulation of Missionary Periodicals and Literature.

W. R. SHELBY, *Secretary.*

List of the Clergy

Canonically Resident in the Diocese of Western Michigan, May 26, 1875.

Those marked † were not entitled to seats.—*Const., Art. VI.* Those marked * were absent.

BISHOP.

The Right Reverend GEORGE D. GILLESPIE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese. (Consecrated, February 24th, A. D., 1875.)

PRESBYTERS.

BANCROFT, JOSEPH W., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings.

BARKER, DARIUS, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Paw Paw.

BECKWITH, SIDNEY, Rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids.

BUCK, M. ERASTUS, Rector of Trinity Church, Three Rivers.

CHAPIN, SETH S., Minister in charge of Grace Chapel, and Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids.

CLARK, JOHN W., Rector of St. John's Church, Ionia.

† COLEMAN, JOHN, Rector of Trinity Church, Niles.

CONOVER, JAMES F., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

EARP, SAMUEL, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

* † FOOTE, LUMAN, P. O., Charlotte.

FOSTER, COLLEY A., LL. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Kalamazoo.

† FERGUSON, LORENZO DAVID, LL. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Mendon.

* † HUSON, CHARLES R., P. O., Coldwater.

LEWIS, ALBERT C., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, and Missionary at Traverse City.

* MORRIS, MOSELEY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Courtland, and Christ Church, Plainfield, and Missionary at Sand Lake, Cedar Spa, Newaygo, Coopersville and Rockford. P. O. Grand Rapids.

PETERS, GERRET E., Rector of St. James' Church, Albion.

PRICHARD, JOSEPH B., Rector of Grace Church, Ludington, and Missionary at Pentwater. P. O. Ludington.

† ROGERS, LEWIS LOREE, Rector of Trinity Church, Saranac.

SAFFORD, HENRY, Missionary at Quincy. P. O. Coldwater.

† Scott, Walter, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan.
* Selkrig, James, P. O. Bradley, Allegan County.
Snyder, Albert W., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Muskegon.
* Spalding, V., Rector of Christ Church, St. Joseph.
Stowe, William, Rector of St. John's Church, Grand Haven.
* Taylor, J. Rice, Rector of Grace Church, Holland, and All Saints' Church, Saugatuck. P. O., Saugatuck.
Taylor, John L., Missionary at Eaton Rapids and Charlotte. P. O. Eaton Rapids.
Whittemore, H. B., Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall.
* † Wood, Robert, P. O., Ionia.
Woodford, Sidney H., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greenville.

DEACON.

* † Babcock, Isaiah J., P. O. Kalamazoo.

CLERGYMEN OF OTHER DIOCESES OFFICIATING IN THE DIOCESE.

Rev. L. H. Corson, of the Diocese of Michigan, in Christ Church, Homer.
Rev. W. Forgus, of the Diocese of Indiana, at Sturgis.

SUMMARY.

Whole number canonically resident: 1 Bishop; 29 Presbyters; 1 Deacon	31
Number entitled to seats in this Convention	22
Of which number there were present	18
Number present not entitled to seats	4
Number absent entitled to seats	4
Number absent not entitled to seats	4

Note—For Clerical changes since the Convention, see Index.

CANDIDATE FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Charles Taylor Wood, for Deacon's Orders, Aug. 7th, 1873, Hobart College, Geneva, New York.

CLERGYMEN AND LAYMAN OF OTHER DIOCESES ACCEPTING HONORARY SEATS IN THIS CONVENTION.

Rev. Augustus Bush, of the Diocese of Michigan.
Rev. W. Forgus, of the Diocese of Indiana.
Rev. J. T. Webster, of the Diocese of Michigan.
Mr. P. E. DeMill, Treasurer of the Diocese of Michigan.

A List of Parishes

In Union with the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, in the Order of their Organization.

Parishes in *italics* were not represented in the First Annual Convention.

PLACE.		NAME.	WHEN ORGANIZED	WHEN ADMITTED
Niles	Berrien County	Trinity Church	1834	
Grand Rapids	Kent	St. Mark's	1836	1836
Marshall	Calhoun	Trinity	1836	1836
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	St. Luke's	1838	
Albion	Calhoun	*St. James'*	1840	1840
Homer	Calhoun	*Christ*	1840	1841
Ionia	Ionia	St. John's	1841	1841
Battle Creek	Calhoun	*a* St. Thomas'	1842	1843
Coldwater	Branch	St. Mark's	1843	
Paw Paw	Van Buren	*b* St. Mark's	1851	1851
Plainfield	Kent	*Christ*	1851	1851
Lyons	Ionia	*a b Grace*	1855	1855
Allegan	Allegan	Good Shepherd	1858	
Saranac	Ionia	*Trinity*	1859	
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	St. John's	1860	1860
Courtland	Kent	*b St. Paul's*	1860	
Three Rivers	St. Joseph	Trinity	1863	1864
Hastings	Barry	Emmanuel	1863	1864
Union City	Branch	*a* Grace	1864	1865
Grand Haven	Ottawa	*St. John's*	1866	1866
Mendon	St. Joseph	St. Paul's	1867	1867
Muskegon	Muskegon	St. Paul's	1867	1867
Burr Oak	St. Joseph	*a b Grace*		1868
Holland	Ottawa	Grace	1867	1868
Saugatuck	Allegan	All Saints'	1869	1869
Whitehall	Muskegon	*a Redeemer*	1870	1870
Elk Rapids	Antrim	*b St. Paul's*	1871	1871
St. Joseph	Berrien	*b Christ*		1872
Grand Rapids	Kent	St. Paul's Memorial		1872
Greenville	Montcalm	*St. Paul's*		1872
Big Rapids	Mecosta	*St. Andrew's*		1873
Ludington	Mason	*Grace*		1873
Grand Rapids	Kent	Grace	1875	1875

a—Has no Rector.

b—Has no Church Edifice.

Whole Number, 33.

See Appendix F., for a List of the Missions and Stations supplied by the Missionary and Parochial Clergy of the Diocese.

Journal.

The members of the First Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, met in St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, Wednesday, May 26th, A. D., 1875, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, having taken the Chair, called the members to order. By his direction the Secretary read portions of the VIth Article of the Constitution and Canon I, and from the list prepared by the Bishop in accordance therewith, called the names of the Clergy Canonically resident in this Diocese and entitled to seats in this Convention. Whereupon the following responded to their names:

The Right Reverend GEORGE D. GILLESPIE, D. D.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft,	The Rev. C. A. Foster,
" Sidney Beckwith,	" A. C. Lewis,
" M. E. Buck,	" G. E. Peters,
" S. S. Chapin,	" J. B. Prichard,
" J. W. Clark,	" Henry Safford,
" J. F. Conover,	" William Stowe,
" Samuel Earp,	" J. L. Taylor,

The Rev. H. B. Whittemore.

From the same list were called the names of Clergymen Canonically resident in the Diocese, but not entitled to seats in the Convention, and

The Rev. John Coleman, and the Rev. Lewis L. Rogers answered to their names.

The names of the Parishes in union with this Convention, were then called, and the Lay Delegates presented their certificates of election.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Henry Safford and the Rev. M. E. Buck, a Committee to examine the Credentials of the Lay Delegates, and report thereon.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until the hour of 2:30 P. M., for the purpose of engaging in Divine Service.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Morning Prayer through the Psalter, which was the VIIIth Selection of Psalms, was said by the Rev. John Coleman.

The Lessons, being Ezekiel XXXV, and Revelation I, were read by the Rev. Lorenzo D. Ferguson, LL. D.

The Nicene Creed and Prayers to the Litany, by the Rev. H. B. Whittemore.

The Litany, by the Rev. Walter Scott.

The Ante-Communion, by the Rt. Rev., the Bishop, the Epistle being read by the Rev. J. T. Webster, of the Diocese of Michigan.

The Bishop then delivered a part of his Annual Address.

The Offertory, and Prayer for the Church Militant, were said by the Rev. J. F Conover, Rector of the Parish.

The Exhortations and Confession were said by the Rev. W. Forgus, of the Diocese of Indiana.

From the Absolution, the service was taken by the Bishop, he being assisted in the distribution of the elements to the Laity, by the Rev. J. F. Conover, and the Rev. J. T. Webster, the Rev. Darius Barker saying the Prayers of the Post-Communion.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 P. M.

After Prayers by the Bishop, the report of the Committee on the Credentials of the Lay Delegates, was presented, and on motion accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee respectfully reports that the certificates of election referred to its examination, are all in due form, and the following persons are Canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, viz., from

*Allegan	Church of the Good Shepherd	Hon. Wm. B. Williams.
Battle Creek	St. Thomas'	Charles S. Gray.
Coldwater	St. Mark's	N. P. Loveridge. D. S. Harrington.
Grand Rapids	St. Mark's	P. R. L. Peirce. Alonzo Platt, M. D. Wm. R. Shelby.
Grand Rapids	St. Paul's	John B. Folger.
Hastings	Emmanuel	D. G. Robinson. M. W. Riker.
Holland	Grace	Heber Walsh.
Ionia	St. John's	John Young.
Kalamazoo	St. Luke's	Theodore P. Sheldon. Lebeus C. Chapin, M. D. Charles S. Cobb.
Kalamazoo	St. John's	John M'Kee. Edwin W. De Yoe.
Marshall	Trinity	Charles P. Dibble. Wm. R. Schuyler. O. C. Comstock.
Mendon	St. Paul's	Edwin Stewart. J. B. Anderson.
Muskegon	St. Paul's	A. L. Colony.
Niles	Trinity	Col. James L. Glen.
Paw Paw	St. Mark's	Daniel C. Coleman

* NOTE.—This list contains the names of those only who were heard to answer at the calling of the roll.

Credentials were presented from the Parishes of Grace—Burr Oak, St. Paul's—Greenville, Grace—Ludington, Trinity—Saranac, Christ—St. Joseph, but no delegates appeared from them.

No credentials were presented from the following, viz: St. James—Albion, Christ—Homer, Christ—Plainfield, Grace—Lyons, St. Paul's—Courtland, Redeemer—Whitehall, St. Paul's—Elk Rapids, St. Andrew's—Big Rapids, St. John's—Grand Haven.

Saugatuck	All Saints'	R. M. Abbey. John Priest. Alfred B. Taylor.
Three Rivers	Trinity	David M. Bateman. Henry C. Taylor. James C. Reed.
Union City	Grace	H. F. Ewers, M. D. H. C. Mead.

Signed,

HENRY SAFFORD,
M. ERASTUS BUCK.

The Report was accepted.

Upon calling the roll of Lay Delegates, it was found that 32 Lay members were present, representing 18 Parishes.

The Rt. Rev. Chairman declared the Convention duly organized.

The election of Secretary being in order, the Chair appointed Tellers, who, presently, reported the following result :

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast, 44 ; of which the Rev. J. W. Bancroft has received 43, and is elected.

J. B. PRICHARD,
JOHN B. FOLGER,
Tellers.

The Secretary asked and received the approval of the Convention to the appointment of the Rev. Sidney Beckwith, as Assistant Secretary.

On motion of Mr. P. R. L. Peirce,

RESOLVED : That the Rules of Order printed on pages 20, 21, and 22 of the Journal of the Primary Convention of this Diocese, be adopted for the governance of this Convention.

Rules of Order

Of the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

I. In case the Bishop withdraw from the sittings of the Convention, he shall appoint a Presbyter to preside during his absence.

II. Each session shall be opened with prayer ; the morning session of each day with the Daily Morning Prayer.

III. On the first day, the Order of Business shall be as follows :

FIRST DAY.

1. The roll of the Clergy (see Canon 1.) shall be called by the Secretary, or, in his absence, by a Secretary *pro tem.*, to be elected *viva voce*.

2. The names of the Parishes entitled to representation shall be called, and the Lay Delegates from each shall present their certificates of election, which shall be referred to a committee of two Clergymen to report thereon.

3. On the acceptance of their report, the roll of the Lay Delegates elected shall be called, and the President shall declare the Convention organized.

4. Irregular and defective certificates shall be reported to the Convention, which shall decide on the admission of the Delegates therein named.

5. A Secretary shall be elected by ballot, who may appoint an assistant, subject to the approval of the Convention.

6. If the Treasurer of the Convention be absent, a Treasurer *pro tem.* shall be elected by a *viva voce* vote.

7. The President shall appoint the following Standing Committees :

I. *On the Admission of Churches into Union with this Convention*—Consisting of two Clergymen and one Layman.

II. *On the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention*—Consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen.

III. *On the Report of the Trustees, and the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund*—Consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen.

IV. *On the Report and Accounts of the Church Extension Committee*—Consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen.

V. *On the Assessment of Parishes*—Consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen.

VI. *On Unfinished Business*—Consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen.

VII. *On Subject and Speakers for the Missionary Meeting.*—Consisting of two Clergymen and one Layman.

VIII. *On Christian Education.*—Consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen.

IX. *On Canons.*—Consisting of two Clergymen and two Laymen.

8. The Bishop's address shall then be in order, to be followed by the Parochial Reports.

9. The Reports of the Standing and the Church Extension Committees, the Treasurer of the Convention, the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, shall be presented and referred to the appropriate Committees.

10. Miscellaneous Business.

SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT DAYS.

IV. On the second, and each subsequent day, the Order of Business shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of the previous day.
2. The Roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates called.
3. Missionary Pledges, unless otherwise ordered by the Bishop or the Convention.
4. Reports of Standing Committees in their order in Rule III.
5. Elections. (See Rule V.)
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business.

V. The election of Treasurer of the Convention, Registrar of the Diocese, Standing and Church Extension Committees, Trustees and Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, Deputies to the General Convention, and Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, shall be by ballot, and in this order: For each election the President shall appoint tellers, who shall receive and count the votes, and report the result to the President, who shall declare it to the Convention before the next election shall be entered upon. A majority of all the votes cast shall constitute an election. If the Convention shall be able to finish its business in one day, these elections may take place after all the other business shall have been transacted.

GENERAL RULES.

VI. Before the final adjournment of the Convention, the minutes of the session about to close shall be read and corrected, and signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary.

VII. No resolution shall be entertained until it shall have been reduced to writing; and no motion shall be considered as before the Convention until it is seconded; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President.

VIII. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it indefinitely, or to a certain time; to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for either of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. A motion to adjourn and a motion to lay on the table shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

IX. A question being decided shall not be reconsidered at the same annual session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present; nor without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision.

X. Every member present when a motion is put shall vote thereon, unless excused by the Convention.

XI. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the Journal, (Concerning the vote by Orders, see Constitution, Article VII.)

XII. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

XIII. When a member desires to speak, he shall rise and address the President in an audible voice. If more than one member rise, the President shall determine the preference.

XIV. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Convention.

XV. No member shall withdraw from the Convention without leave asked and voted.

The Rev. C. A. Foster, moved the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED: That Clerymen of the Diocese not entitled to seats in this Convention, Clergymen from other Dioceses, Candidates for Holy Orders, and Delegates from Missionary points not entitled to representation, who may be present; be invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.*

The Rev. Mr. Earp, from the Committee on Constitution and Canons, appointed and continued by the Primary Convention, offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Constitution and Canons adopted by resolution found on page 30 of the Journal of the Primary Convention, as the same have been amended by the Committee on Constitution and Canons, be and hereby are adopted provisionally, excepting Canons XII, XIII, XV, XVII and XVIII.

The mover of the resolution read the amendments proposed by the Committee, and the resolution as offered was then adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Whittemore,

RESOLVED: That the Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Niles, the Rev. Walter Scott, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, the Rev. L. D. Ferguson, LL. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Mendon, and the Rev. L. L. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Saranac, be admitted to membership in this Convention in accordance with a proviso of Art. VI, of the Constitution of this Diocese.

The vote being taken upon each name presented, the President declared the resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote as required by the Constitution, Art. VI.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, in accordance with the Rules of Order.

I. *On the Admission of Churches into Union with this Convention* —Rev. C. A. Foster, LL. D, Rev. S. H. Woodford, Mr. Wm. B. Williams.

II. *On the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention*—Rev. S. S. Chapin, Mr. D. M. Bateman, Mr. W. R. Shelby.

III. *On the Report of the Trustees and the Treasurer of the*

* NOTE.—The list of persons having honorary seats in the Convention may be seen on page 7.

Episcopal Fund—Rev. Wm. Stowe, Rev. A. W. Snyder, Mr. Heber Walsh, Mr. T. P. Sheldon, Mr. O. C. Comstock.

IV. *On the Reports of the Church Extension Committee*—Rev. S. H. Woodford, Rev. John Coleman, Rev. A. C. Lewis, Mr. Alonzo Platt, Mr. H. F. Ewers.

V. *On Unfinished Business*—Rev. A. C. Lewis, Mr. D. S. Harrington, Mr. John Young.

VI. *On Christian Education*—Rev. H. B. Whittemore, Rev. G. E. Peters, Rev. J. L. Taylor, Mr. John M'Kee, Mr. James L. Glen.

VII. *On Canons*—Rev. J. F. Conover, Rev. Samuel Earp, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. William Stowe, Mr. L. C. Chapin, Mr. N. P. Loveridge, Mr. P. R. L. Peirce.

The Bishop then concluded his Address, after which he received the Parochial Reports.

The Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese was read by the Rev. J. F. Conover.

REPORT.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western Michigan report the following action since their election by the Primary Convention, which met in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, Dec. 2d and 3d, 1874.

Dec. 3, 1874. The Committee met and organized. Rev. Wm. Stowe was elected President; and Rev. J. F. Conover, Secretary. The Secretary was instructed to ask of the Parishes in the new Diocese, a part of the assessment apportioned by the old Diocese, to meet the expenses of the Primary Convention.

He was also instructed to correspond with the Church Extension Committee of the Old Diocese in relation to a representation of the New Diocese on that Board, and the support of the Missionaries of this Diocese for the remainder of the Conventional year.

Dec. 15, 1875. A letter was received from Rev. George D. Gillespie D. D., acknowledging the notification of his election as Bishop, but reserving his decision until after the ecclesiastical bodies whose consent was required had given it.

The Secretary was instructed to send the Testimonials of the Bishop-elect, to the Standing Committees of the various Dioceses, and request their consent to his consecration.

Rev. John G. Smith was inhibited from officiating as a Clergyman in vacant Parishes in this Diocese until he had obtained letters dimissory to the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese.

An invitation from the Diocese of Michigan through the Church Extension Committee, to joint action in conducting the Missionary operations of the two Dioceses, was accepted, and Rev. Samuel Earp and Rev. J. F. Conover were appointed to represent the Diocese on the Joint Committee.

The two latter were also appointed a Committee to confer with the Treasurer of the Old Diocese and adjust between the two Dioceses the assessments upon the Parishes.

Feb. 3, 1875. The Committee appointed to confer with the Church Extension Committee, and the Treasurer of the Old Diocese, reported that they had fulfilled the instructions of the Committee and had made satisfactory arrangements in both instances. Their report was accepted.

The letter dimissory of Rev. John Coleman from the Diocese of New Jersey was received and accepted. A communication was received from the Rev. George D. Gillespie in regard to the approaching Consecration. The Secretary presented the consent of the Standing Committees of 30 Dioceses to the Consecration. The Secretary was instructed to convey to the Presiding Bishop the desire expressed by the Primary Convention that the Consecration take place in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, and to suggest St. Matthias' Day as the time.

Feb. 24, 1875. The official letter of acceptance of Rev. George D. Gillespie was received. This being the day for the Consecration, the Committee met for the first time with the Bishop.

The Testimonials of the election of Rev. Thomas A. Jaggar, D. D., Bishop-elect of Southern Ohio, and the request of the Standing Committee for consent to his Consecration were received.

Mar. 31, 1875. The Standing Committee gave their consent to the Consecration of Rev. Thomas A. Jaggar, D. D., Bishop-elect of Southern Ohio, and refused consent to the Consecration of Rev. James DeKoven, D. D., Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Illinois.

May 13, 1875. The Committee recommended to the Bishop, Rev. Minerson Erastus Buck, for ordination to the Priesthood.

J. F. CONOVER,
Secretary.

The Treasurer of the Convention then read his Reports, which were, on motion of the Rev. J. L. Taylor, received and referred to the proper Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORTS.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer,

In Account with the Diocese of Western Michigan.

1875.				Dr.
Jan. 8.	To Cash received from—			
" 8.	" St. Mark's Church	Coldwater		$12 50
" 8.	" St. Paul's	Elk Rapids		2 00
" 8.	" St. John's	Grand Haven		1 00
" 8.	" Grace	Holland		2 50
" 8.	" St. John's	Kalamazoo		7 50
" 8.	" Trinity	Marshall		12 50
" 8.	" All Saints'	Saugatuck		2 00
" 12.	" Trinity	Three Rivers		2 50
" 14.	" St. Mark's	Grand Rapids		100 00
" 21.	" St. Mark's	Paw Paw		2 50
Mar. 15.	" St. Luke's	Kalamazoo		35 00
Apr. 2.	" St. Paul's	Muskegon		1 00
" 30.	" St. Paul's	Mendon		2 50
May 6.	" Trinity	Marshall		12 50
" 21.	" Trinity	Niles		25 00
" 23.	" St. Paul's	Muskegon		6 50
" 24.	" St. John's	Kalamazoo		7 50
" 25.	" St. James'	Albion		7 50
" 26.	" Good Shepherd	Allegan		6 00
" 26.	" St. Thomas'	Battle Creek		30 00
" 26.	" St. John's	Ionia		7 50
" 26.	" Trinity	Saranac		3 00
" 26.	" Grace	Union City		5 00
" 26.	" St. John's	Charlotte		1 00
" 26.	" St. Matthias'	Eaton Rapids		1 00
" 26.	" Grace Chapel	Grand Rapids		1 50
" 26.	" St. Paul's Church	Grand Rapids		10 00
" 26.	" Grace	Pentwater		1 00
				$308 50

1874.				Cr.
Dec 23.	By Cash Paid Rev. J. F. Conover			$10 00
1875.				
Mar. 1.	" " H. Hann			15 00
" 1.	" " Dygert Bros. & Co.			85 00
" 26.	" " Dennis & Holmes			30 00
Apr. 2.	" " Rev. J. W. Bancroft			12 80
" 2.	" " for Postage			1 00
" 3.	" " for Express			25
" 30.	" " Rev. J. W. Bancroft			18 62
				$172 67
May 26.	Balance on hand			135 83
				$308 50

T. P. SHELDON,
Treasurer Diocese of Western Michigan.

Due from the Following Parishes for the Assessment of 1874.

*Big Rapids	St. Andrew's Church	$2 50
Burr Oak	Grace	1 00
*Courtland	St. Paul's	1 00
*Elk Rapids	St. Paul's	50
Greenville	St. Paul's	2 50
*Hastings	Emmanuel	5 00
Homer	Christ	2 50
Plainfield	Christ	1 00
*St. Joseph	Christ	2 50
Whitehall	Redeemer	1 00
Plainwell	Trinity Mission	1 50
Quincy	St. John's "	5 00
South Haven	Trinity "	5 00

T. P. SHELDON.
Treasurer Diocese of Western Michigan.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer,

In Account with the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen.

1874.		Dr.
Dec. 27.	From St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo	$15 53
" 29.	" Emmanuel Church, Hastings	8 68
1875.		
May 6.	" Trinity Church, Marshall	12 50
		$36 71

Respectfully submitted,
T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer.

KALAMAZOO, May 26, 1875.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was read and referred to the proper Committee.

Report of the Condition of the Episcopal Fund, of the Diocese of Western Michigan, on the 25th of May, 1875.

Total Amount of Fund, shown by Ledger.		$29,524 75
Composed of the following items :—		
Individual Notes	$22,900 00	
Loans on Real Estate	5,000 00	
Real Estate	1,400 00	
Unsecured Pledges	110 00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	114 75	

The Real Estate, included above, is only such as has been conveyed, in trust, to the Fund: The unsecured pledges are written promises, not secured by note or otherwise.

*This Parish paid the sum here reported due, to the Diocese of Michigan.—*Sec'y.

The Income has been as follows :—

From interest on notes	$298 60	
" commission on loans	10 00	$308 60
From which has been paid for recording mortgages		1 25
Leaving balance in Treasurer's hands		$307 35

The interest on all notes and loans is payable semi-annually, on the 1st days of January and July.

I certify the above to be correct.

F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer.

In addition to the above the following amounts have been, verbally, pledged, but no notes or other security have as yet been given for them.

To be paid in Cash or Notes	$2,910 00
" " Lands	2,100 00
Special Subscription of Land for Episcopal Residence —Grand Rapids	3,500 00
Total	$8,510 00
Added to the amount of Fund shown by Report	29,524 75
Grand Total	$38,034 75

The Report of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Committee was read and referred to its proper Committee.

STATEMENT

Of Pledges to Diocesan Church Extension Fund, Diocese of Michigan, by Parishes, Missions and Individuals now included in Diocese of Western Michigan; Payments on same, and Balances due, May 25, 1875.

Name.	Locality.	Pledge.	Payme't.	Bal. due
Allegan	Good Shepherd Church	30 00	7 76	22 24
Big Rapids	St. Andrews' Church	15 00	15 00	
Elk Rapids	St. Paul's Church	30 00	30 00	
Grand Haven	Indivi'l St. John's Church	5 00		5 00
Grand Rapids	St. Mark's Church	400 00	400 00	
Grand Rapids	Mrs. Rev. Dr. Cummings	5 00	5 00	
Grand Rapids	Mr. A. E. Worden	25 00	25 00	
Grand Rapids	St. Paul's Church	25 00	25 00	
Grand Rapids	Grace Church	25 00	12 90	12 10
Greenville	St. Paul's Church	20 00	10 00	10 00
Hastings	Emmanuel Church	30 00	30 00	
Holland	Grace Church	15 00	15 00	
Ionia	St. John's Church	45 00	31 50	13 50
Ionia	Rev. John W. Clark	5 00	5 00	
Kalamazoo	St. Luke's Church	225 00	168 75	56 25
Ludington	Grace Church	15 00	15 00	
Marshall	Trinity Church	100 00	73 33	26 67
Muskegon	St. Paul's Church	25 00	25 00	
Niles	Trinity Church	100 00	100 00	
Pentwater	Mission	10 00	10 00	
Saranac	Trinity Church	10 00		10 00
Saugatuck	All Saints' Church	20 00	13 10	6 90
St. Joseph	Christ Church	25 00	25 00	
		$1,205 00	$1,042 84	$162 66

DETROIT, May 25, 1875. JAMES E. PITTMAN, Treasurer.

APPROPRIATIONS

To Missionaries now included in Diocese of Western Michigan for the year ending June 30, 1875; Payments on same, and Balances due.

Locality.	Name.	Ap'n.	Pay't.	Bal. due June 30
Eaton Rapids and Charlotte	Rev. J. L. Taylor	$200 00	$150 00	$ 50 00
do do	do (special)	50 00	50 00	
Elk Rapids and TraverseCity	Rev. A. C. Lewis	500 00	375 00	125 00
Grand Rapids, St. Paul's	Rev. S. Beckwith	150 00	112 50	37 50
Greenville	Rev. S. H. Woodford	150 00	112 50	37 50
Holland and Saugatuck	Rev. J. R. Taylor	200 00	150 00	50 00
Hersey	*Rev. P. A. Almquist	37 50	37 50	
Ludington and Pentwater	Rev. J. B. Prichard	200 00	150 00	50 00
Muskegon	Rev. A. W. Snyder	150 00	112 50	37 50
Quincy	Rev. H. Safford	100 00	75 00	25 00
St. Joseph & Benton Harb'r	Rev. V. Spalding	200 00	150 00	50 00
		$1,937 50	1475 00	462 50

* To Oct. 1st, 1874.

DETROIT, May 25, 1874. JAMES E. PITTMAN, Treasurer.

The Rev. J. F. Conover asked temporary leave of absence, which was granted, for the purpose of performing a Parochial duty.

Mr. P. E. DeMill, Treasurer of the Diocese of Michigan, was unanimously invited to an honorary seat in this Convention.

DETROIT, May 25, 1875.

Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.,

MY DEAR BISHOP:—It gives me pleasure to present through you to the Diocese of Western Michigan, the Journal of the Diocese of Michigan, since its organization in this State. As the Church has been in the past, so may it always continue in your Diocese—The Teacher of Evangelic Truth and Apostolic Order.

Very Cordially and Sincerely Yours,

P. E. DEMILL.

On motion of Mr. Wm. R. Shelby,

RESOLVED: That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Mr. DeMill for his generous gift of rare and valuable documents.

A communication was also read by the Secretary from the Rev. Marcus Lane, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Flint, inviting the members of this Convention to the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan, and tendering the hopitalities of his Parish to the Clergy of Western Michigan.

On motion of Rev. John W. Clark,

RESOLVED: That the thanks of this Convention be communicated by the Secretary of the Convention, to Rev. Mr. Lane for his invitation to attend the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan.

Mr. P. R. L. Peirce offered the following, which was adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Committee on Constitution and Canons, appointed at the Primary Convention be and is hereby continued, during the pleasure of the Convention; and that Rule of Order No. III, § (7), Sub. § IX, be, for this specific purpose only, suspended.

On motion of Rev. H. B. Whittemore,

RESOLVED: That each Rector and other Minister in the Diocese of Western Michigan, in charge of Parish or Mission, be requested to read to his congregation on Sunday next, or as soon as conveniently may be, the First Annual Address of the Bishop of this Diocese, delivered before the Convention this morning.

On motion of the Rev. Samuel Earp, the Report of the Committee on Canons was made the special order of business for this evening's session.

On motion adjourned to 7:30 o'clock.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

7:30 P. M.

The committee on Canons reported in favor of referring the whole subject of Church Property to a Committee, to shape the necessary Canon in conformity to the laws of the State of Michigan.

On motion of the Rev. J. L. Taylor, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Chair appointed as such Committee, Mr. N. P. Loveridge, Mr. P. R. L. Peirce, and Mr. Wm. B. Williams.

The Rev. Samuel Earp in behalf of the Committee on Canons, then offered for the consideration of the Convention, the draft of a Canon, to be numbered 17, entitled "Of Convocations;" containing four sections. Each section was separate-

ly considered and adopted, and on the final vote, the entire Canon was declared adopted.

The Committee on Canons further reported a Canon to be numbered 18, entitled "Of the Missions of the Diocese," containing a preamble and nine sections, each of which was singly discussed and adopted, and finally the entire Canon was adopted as a whole.

The Convention then entered upon the discussion of the next Canon proposed by the Committee, to be numbered 19, and entitled "Of the Organization of Missions." The first section of which was adopted, and, pending the discussion of subsection 1, of Section II, the Convention, on motion, adjourned to 8:30 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY.—A large share of the time of the Convention was consumed in the discussion of the proposed Canons. As it would subserve no useful purpose to record the details of the debate, the Secretary has restricted himself to little more than a mere statement of the titles and numbers of the Canons in the order of their adoption.

In all cases, each Canon was first adopted, section by section, and then the entire Canon put to vote and adopted.

Many amendments were proposed, but very few of them prevailed, unless they were accepted by the Committee on Canons.

As finally adopted, the Constitution and Canons may be found among the Appendices of this Journal.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 27, 8:30, A. M.

Morning Prayer was commenced by Rev. A. C. Lewis, continued by Rev. S. H. Woodford and Rev. M. E. Buck, and closed by the Bishop.

The Convention was called to order by the Right Reverend, the Bishop, and the roll called by the Secretary, when the following named Members of the Convention answered for the first time to their names, viz :

Rev. Darius Barker,	Rev. A. W. Snyder,
Rev. S. H. Woodford,	Rev. L. D. Ferguson, LL. D.
Rev. Walter Scott,	Mr. H. F. Ewers.

The minutes of the First Day's Proceedings of the Convention were then read, amended and approved.

The Report of Standing Committees being in order, the Chairman of the Committee on the Admission of Churches into union with this Convention presented the following

REPORT.

The Committee on the Admission of Churches into union with this Convention, beg leave to report, that they have examined the papers of Grace Church of Grand Rapids, applying for admission into union with this Convention, and have found them correct. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That Grace Church of Grand Rapids, be and is hereby admitted into union with this Convention.

C. A. FOSTER,
S. H. WOODFORD.

The Report was accepted, and, on motion, the Parish of Grace Church, Grand Rapids, was admitted into union with this Convention. The names of the delegates from the same, were then called, one of whom, Mr. Timothy I. Tanner, answered the call, and, on motion, was admitted to a seat, in accordance with Art. VI, of the Constitution.

The Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, by its Chairman, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee to whom were referred the accounts and reports of the Treasurer of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and also the Report of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find them correct as stated.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. CHAPIN,
D. M. BATEMAN,
W. R. SHELBY,
Committee.

The Report was accepted.

The Rev. H. B. Whittemore, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Christian Education, then read as follows:

The Committee on Christian Education, in the short time allowed them, can do little more than throw out suggestions to be considered the during the coming year.

It may be true that the Church is lamentably deficient in schools for the education of her children, but we do not consider it as a part of our duty to reproach her for this. It is very desirable that we should have two Church Schools, certainly, within the limits of our Diocese; one for the education of boys and another for the education of girls. We would therefore urge upon the Clergy the duty of impressing upon their people the necessity for such schools if we would have our children obtain a Christian education in the ways of the Church.

And we would further ask of the Laity of the Diocese, to consider this subject thoughtfully and prayerfully, having before them the many who, having been sent to sectarian schools, have had their plastic minds so wrought upon, as to lead them into Romanism on the one hand and Rationalism on the other.

In closing the report we would ask one question: Have not many Church Schools been killed by the lack of support from those who should have taken at least interest enough in them to send their children to them?

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. B. WHITTEMORE,
G. E. PETERS,
J. L. TAYLOR,
JOHN MCKEE,
JAMES L. GLEN,
Committee.

The Rev. John Coleman offered following the which was adopted;

RESOLVED: That the Report of "The Committee on Christian Education," be adopted, and that the same Committee be continued until the next Annual Convention, in order to report matured plans in regard to the subject.

The Committee on Unfinished Business offered their

REPORT.

On examination of the Journal of the Primary Convention, we find that Rev. J. F. Conover, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, asked permission that said Committee be allowed to sit during the recess; and, also, find that the Committee, by resolution of Rev. J. W. Clark, was continued.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. LEWIS,
D. S. HARRINGTON,
JOHN YOUNG,
Committee.

The Convention then resumed consideration of the subject which was under discussion at the hour of adjournment

last evening, being (proposed) Canon XIX, section 2, sub-section 1.

After ample discussion, each of the five divisions of this section was separately adopted, and, upon the final vote, the entire section was declared adopted.

The vote on sub-section 1 of section 3 of the same Canon, was taken and carried.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Treasurer of the Convention.

The Tellers having withdrawn, Mr. Daniel C. Coleman, of St. Mark's Parish, Paw Paw, asked and obtained leave of absence.

The Committee on the Report of the Treasurer and Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, then offered their Report, which was, after some discussion, accepted.

REPORT.

The Committee have examined the Report submitted by the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, and from assurances made, believe it to be correct, but in the absence of vouchers, are not able to certify to the correctness of the Report.

WILLIAM STOWE,
A. W. SNYDER,
T. P. SHELDON,
O. C. COMSTOCK,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Ballots cast for Treasurer 39; necessary for a choice, 20; Mr. T. P. Sheldon has received 39, and is elected.

WALTER SCOTT,
D. S. HARRINGTON,
Tellers.

A ballot was ordered and Tellers appointed by the Chair, for the election of Registrar. After the retirement of the Tellers, motion was made and prevailed to adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The hour of adjournment having come, in the absence of the President, on motion, the Chair was taken by the Rev. William Stowe, by whom, after prayers, the Convention was called to order.

The Tellers reported no election of Registrar. Another ballot was therefore ordered.

The Rev. Samuel Earp respectfully but positively declined re-election to the office of Registrar.

After the withdrawal of the Tellers, sub-sections 2, 3, and 4 of section 3, Canon XIX, substantially as reported by the Committee on Canons, successively came to a vote and were adopted.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast for Registrar, 24; necessary for a choice, 18; the Rev. S. S. Chapin has received 19 votes and is elected.

L. D. Ferguson,
C. L. Cobb,
Tellers.

A ballot was ordered and Tellers appointed for the election of the Standing Committee.

The Tellers having withdrawn, on motion, section 3, of Canon XIX, as a whole, was adopted.

Section 4, of the same Canon, was withheld, for the time being, by the Committee. Sections 5 and 6, and sub-section 1, of section 7, of the same Canon, were adopted unanimously and without debate. Sub-section 2, of section 7, of Canon XIX, being in debate, was, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Bancroft, re-committed to the Committee on Canons with instructions to report the same at a later period of the Session, if judged advisable.

Section 4, of Canon XIX, was then offered to the consideration of the Convention. Various motions to re-commit, to strike out, to insert, etc., having failed, the section was, on motion, adopted.

The Committee on Canons to whom had been re-commit-

ted sub-section 2, of section 7, of Canon XIX, with instructions to report further thereon, if desired; reported said sub-section back without amendment, and without recommendation. The Report was accepted and laid on the table.

Canon XIX, "Of the Organization of Missions," was then on motion, adopted entire.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast for the Standing Committee, 36; necessary to a choice, 19; Rev. Samuel Earp has received 36 votes; Rev. J. F. Conover, 34; Rev. William Stowe, 25; Rev. A. W. Snyder, 24; Dr. L. C. Chapin, 36; Dr. A. Platt. 33; Mr. N. P. Loveridge, 30.

C. A. FOSTER,
A. PLATT.
Tellers.

The Convention proceeded to the election of the Board of Missions, to consist of five Clergymen and five Laymen.

During the absence of the Tellers, the Committee on the Trusteeship of Church Property, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on the Trusteeship of Church Property would respectfully report, that they have given the subject such consideration as the limited time would permit. The necessity of great care in the preparation of a full and complete report, including Articles of Association, and the fact that an early report would seem to be required, having been duly considered, your Committee would recommend as follows:

1st. That the officers of this Diocese and such other persons as the Convention shall recommend; at as early a day as practicable associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a Corporation under the provisions of "An Act to provide for the incorporation of Associations, Conventions, etc.," approved March 27, 1867, and the Act amendatory thereof, approved Feb. 2, 1875.

2d. That such Corporation be created for the purpose of carrying out the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and shall be auxilliary to the Convention of the Diocese, and shall have such powers and duties as shall be prescribed by the Canons and Resolutions of the Convention.

3d. That the Trustees of such Corporation shall be elected at the Annual Conventions of the Diocese—after the first election or designation of Trustees,—and shall have such powers and duties in regard to the temporalities of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Western Michigan as shall be from time to time prescribed by the Convention, and that until the next Annual Convention such Corporation shall have

authority to act as fully under the Canons now adopted and the instructions of the Convention as though such Corporation had been created prior to the adoption of the same.

N. P. LOVERIDGE,
W. B. WILLIAMS,
P. R. L. PEIRCE,
Committee.

The Report was accepted, and its recommendations adopted.

Mr. L. C. Chapin offered the following resolution which was adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED: That the Committee on the Trusteeship of Church Property is hereby instructed to report by resolution the persons to become organized, and also a name for the body to be organized.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast for the Board of Missions, 39; necessary to a choice, 20; Rev. H. B. Whittemore has received 28 votes; Rev. Samuel Earp, 21; Rev. J. F. Conover, 20; Rev. John Coleman, 20; Mr. P. R. L. Peirce, 22.

S. S. CHAPIN,
H. F. EWERS,
Tellers.

Rev. Messrs. Samuel Earp and J. F. Conover were, upon motion, permitted to decline their election as members of the Board of Missions.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session, was upon their request, granted to Messrs. W. R. Shelby and H. C. Mead.

A ballot was ordered to complete the numbers of the Board of Missions.

The Rev. A. W. Snyder moved that the next Convention be held in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids. The Rev. Samuel Earp offered as an amendment, which prevailed,

RESOLVED: That the next Annual Convention be held in Trinity Church, Marshall.

The Rev. John W. Clark, seconded by Mr. Peirce, offered the following:

RESOLVED: That the Bishop is respectfully requested to appoint Semi-Annual Missionary Meetings, to be held in the month of November,

and as soon as practicable after Easter, or at other times as he may deem expedient, and that the Board of Missions is directed, in conjunction with the Diocesan, to secure the arrangements for such meetings, and that the Parishes be recommended to make provision for the expenses of their Clergymen attending such meetings.

Adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. T. P. Sheldon,

RESOLVED: That the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan be respectfully requested to concur in the action of this Convention in retaining one-half of the assessment of 1874 made upon the Parishes of this Diocese for the incidental expenses thereof.

RESOLVED: That there be appointed by the President a Committee of three to make a settlement with the Diocese of Michigan.*

The Committee on Canons made a further report, submitting a Canon to be numbered XIII, entitled "Of Aid for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and Widows and Orphans of the Clergy," most of which was adopted without debate. The complete adoption of this Canon was, however, waived for a time.

The Committee on Canons further recommended that Canons XII and XV, as printed for debate and alteration, be transposed, so that Canon XII will be entitled "Of the Episcopal Fund," and Canon XV, "Of the General Fund;" which recommendation was adopted.

Tellers' Report of the 2d ballot for the election of the Board of Missions.

Number of ballots cast, 31; necessary for a choice, 16. Elected; Rev. S. S. Chapin, 25; Rev. J. W. Clark, 18; Mr. W. B. Williams, 25; Mr. C. P. Dibble, 20; Mr. A. G. Smith, 18.

S. S. CHAPIN,
H. F. EWERS,
Tellers.

Another ballot was ordered for the election of one Clergyman and one Layman.

Consideration of the Report of the Committe on Canons was resumed.

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* An extract from the minutes of the proceedings of the Diocese of Michigan in reference to this subject, appears in Appendix J.

Canon XII, "Of the Episcopal Fund," was discussed at considerable length. Sections 1, 3 and 4, were adopted as reported by the Committee on Canons. Section 2 received important modification. The entire Canon was then formally adopted.

Pending the acceptance of section 4, Canon XII, Mr. O. C. Comstock offered the following:

WHEREAS, The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund is the Custodian of large sums of money and its equivalents, and

WHEREAS, Its disbursement and investment safely and judiciously made is of vital importance and necessity, therefore

RESOLVED: That the Annual Report of said officer to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Western Michigan, should always be accompanied with all the vouchers of monies paid or invested, and where loans have been made upon real estate, that an abstract of title should constitute one of the exhibits, and if any considerable portion of the security consists of buildings, said buildings should be insured in a safe and reliable Fire Insurance Company, and the Policy should run to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, and should constitute an exhibit in said Treasurer's Report. The written statement of the Treasurer of the County that the lands upon which the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund shall have loaned monies belonging to said Fund, have not been returned to said County Treasurer for non-payment of taxes, should also constitute an exhibit to accompany the Report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

The Tellers submitted their Report of the 3d ballot for members of the Board of Missions.

Number of ballots cast, 31; necessary to a choice, 16; Mr. David M. Bateman has received 20 votes; and Rev. A. C. Lewis, 16.

S. S. CHAPIN,
H. F. EWERS.
Tellers.

Mr. N. P. Loveridge, Chairman of the Committee on Church Property, then read a supplementary report of that Committee embodied in two resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED: That the Bishop, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the Convention, the Treasurer and Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, the Registrar, the Members of the Standing Committee and of the Board of Missions of this Diocese, are requested as soon as may be practicable to associate themselves together and form a Corporation under the name of "The Board of Trustees of the Diocese of Western Michigan," to be auxilliary

to this Convention; in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Trusteeship of Church Property.

RESOLVED: That the time and place of such meeting be named by the Bishop, and notice thereof given by the Secretary.

On motion the Convention adjourned to 7:30, P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

7:30 o'clock, P. M.

After Prayers by the Right Reverend, the President, the business of the Convention was resumed.

Mr. M. W. Riker asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Rev. J. W. Clark, moved the nomination, by a *viva voce* vote, of four Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. The motion prevailed, and the following named persons were so nominated, viz:

Rev. John L. Taylor,	Rev. Samuel Earp,
Rev. John Coleman,	Hon. George Woodruff.

The Rev. H. B. Whittemore moved to proceed to the election of Deputies to the General Convention.

The Rev. J. F. Conover offered the following,

RESOLVED: That the proposition to elect Deputies to the General Convention, be postponed and acted upon under the order of unfinished business.

The postponement was ordered.

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Canons was then resumed.

The second paragraph of section 1, Canon XIII, was agreed to, and the entire Canon was formally adopted.

Canon XV, entitled, "Of the General Fund," was then considered. Section 1 received a slight amendment; the remaining sections were, after some debate, accepted, and the entire Canon was formally adopted.

The vote upon the adoption of Canon XIII, was reconsid-

ered by a two-thirds vote, for the purpose of making a verbal change, which having been made, the same was re-adopted.

On motion, the Pledges of the Parishes to the Board of Missions, were then called for, which resulted as follows:

PLEDGES TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

		From Parish.	From Sunday School.	For Gen'ral Missionary.
St. James'	Albion	10 00		
Good Shepherd	Allegan	30 00		
St. Mark's	Coldwater	40 00	10 00	
St. Paul's	Elk Rapids	30 00	15 00	
Mission	Traverse City	10 00		
St. John's	Grand Haven	10 00		
St. Mark's	Grand Rapids	500 00		
(A part of St Mark's Subscription from Sunday School.)				
St. Paul's	Grand Rapids	25 00		
St. Paul's	Greenville	25 00		
Emmanuel	Hastings	60 00		
Grace	Holland	10 00		
St. Luke's	Kalamazoo	300 00		
St. John's	Kalamazoo	25 00	10 00	
Grace	Ludington	15 00		
Trinity	Marshall	125 00		
Trinity Sunday School	Marshall			10 00
St. Paul's	Mendon	25 00		
St Paul's	Muskegon	40 00		
Trinity	Niles	115 00		
Trinity Sunday School	Niles			25 00
Trinity	Saranac	10 00		
Trinity	Three Rivers	20 00		
Grace	Grand Rapids	25 00		
Grace	Union City	15 00		
St. John's Mission	Charlotte	5 00		
St. Matthias' Mission	Eaton Rapids	5 00		
INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.				
Mrs. Rev. H. B. Whittemore				10 00
Rev. A. C. Lewis		5 00		
A Marshall Churchman				10 00
Bishop Gillespie		50 00		
Rev. John L. Taylor		5 00		
ADDED SINCE CONVENTION.				
St. John's	Ionia	44 00	10 00	
St. Mark's	Paw Paw	5 00		
All Saints'	Saugatuck	15 00		

Pledged by Parishes and Missions, $1,539 00; by Sunday Schools, $80 00; by Individuals, $80 00, total, $1,699 00; of which for General Missionary, $55 00.

The Rev. S. H. Woodford, Chairman of the Committee on the Report of the Church Extension Committee, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on the Report and Accounts of the Church Extension Committee beg to report that they have examined the financial statement made by the Treasurer of the Church Extension Committee of the Diocese of Michigan. We find that there is due, on account of pledges from this Diocese to the Church Extension Committee of the Diocese of Michigan, the sum of $162 66. The Treasurer of the Church Extension Committee writes that he shall finally close his account for the year on the first day of the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan. That Convention will meet on Wednesday, June 9th. Delinquent Parishes will thus see that but two weeks remain during which they can discharge their Missionary obligation, both to the Church Extension Committee and to their own Missionaries. Under this head the Committee regard their duty as performed when the attention of those interested is called to the matter.

The Treasurer of the Church Extension Committee writes that there will probably be an unexpended balance at the end of the year, to be adjusted between the two Dioceses. If the Convention deem it necessary your Committee recommend that the Board of Missions be authorized to effect such arrangements concerning this unexpended balance, as they may deem just and equitable.

It is further recommended that the statement of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Committee be accepted, and the Secretary instructed to so inform him.

SIDNEY H. WOODFORD,
JOHN COLEMAN,
ALBERT C. LEWIS,
ALONZO PLATT,
H. F. EWERS,
Committee.

The election of Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund being in order, the Chair appointed Rev. J. B. Prichard and Mr. T. P. Sheldon, Tellers.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Taylor, seconded by Rev. William Stowe,

RESOLVED: That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rector and Congregation of St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, for their hospitality and courtesy to the members of this Convention.

The Chair announced as the Committee to make a settlement with the Diocese of Michigan, Rev. James F. Conover, Mr. T. P. Sheldon, and Mr. Wm. R. Schuyler.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Clark,

RESOLVED: That the Secretary cause 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention to be printed, and draw amount for same from the Treasurer of the Diocese.

The Tellers reported the election of Mr. Frederick A. Gorham, Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

On motion of Rev. H. B. Whittemore,

RESOLVED: That the present Committee on Canons be continued to report at the next meeting of the Convention.

On motion of Rev. Samuel Earp,

RESOLVED: That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to a General Missionary is approved by this Convention, and referred to the Board of Missions.

The Tellers announced the election of Messrs. F. A. Gorham, C. P. Dibble, and Henry Brees, as Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

Ballots were distributed and Tellers appointed for the election of Deputies to the General Convention.

The Secretary placed before the Convention a communication from the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, notifying the Convention of this Diocese of certain proposed changes in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, to be acted upon by the General Convention of 1877. *See Appendix I.*

On motion of Mr. Peirce, the thanks of the Convention were cordially tendered, as being justly due, to the Reporters of the Detroit *Free Press*, *Post*, and *Tribune*, the Grand Rapids *Daily Times*, and the Kalamazoo *Telegraph*.

On motion of Rev. J. F. Conover,

RESOLVED: That this Convention expresses its warm approval of the Paper, "Our Dioceses," and urges its united support by the members of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Bancroft, the * Committee on the Increase of the Episcopate Fund was continued until the next Annual Convention.

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* See Journal of the Primary Convention, page 34.

On motion of Mr. P. R. L. Peirce,

RESOLVED: That the Committee on Constitution and Canons be requested to take into consideration the propriety of so amending section 1, paragraph 8, Canon II, that, on the presentation of Parochial Reports, they may be read in open Convention, by the Rector or Delegate, and five minutes shall be given to such person reading, to add any oral statement with reference to the Parochial work of such Parish, if he desires to do so.

The Tellers reported the result of the 1st ballot for Deputies.

Number of ballots cast, 29; necessary to a choice, 15. The Rev. S. Earp has received 26 votes; Rev. J. F. Conover, 23; Rev. J. W. Bancroft, 22; Mr. P. R. L. Peirce, 25; Mr. J. L. Glen, 19; and Mr. J. D. Burns, 18.

S. H. WOODFORD,
J. L. GLEN,
Tellers.

NOTE—The Secretary is informed by the Tellers that of the 29 votes reported by them as cast in this ballot, three were blanks. It is very improbable that any one intended to cast a blank ballot. Hence, doubtless, the Rev. A. C. Lewis was really elected in this ballot, he having received 14 votes, which was the requisite number on the basis of the 26 ballots cast.

Another ballot was ordered which resulted in the election of Hon. W. B. Williams; and still another, resulting in the election of Rev. A. C. Lewis, thus completing the requisite number of Deputies.

In view of the lateness of the hour—nearly midnight—the reading of the minutes was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Hymn, "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," was then sung.

The Bishop made a brief address, and, after saying suitable Collects, pronounced the Blessing of Peace and declared the Convention adjourned.

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

JOSEPH WEBB BANCROFT, *Secretary.*
SIDNEY BECKWITH, *Assistant.*

APPENDIX A.

The Bishop's Address.

Dear Brethren, the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Western Michigan :—

I take the first opportunity of giving utterance to what I am persuaded is the feeling pervading our body as we are for the first time assembled in the completeness of a Diocesan Convention. We miss those whom we have been wont to greet in these assemblages, whose presence has added to our social enjoyment as it has given weight and character to our deliberations.

Especially we miss—none more so than he who addresses you—him whom we can not yet cease to think of and speak of as our Bishop, whose extended hand as he met us was the impulse of a trusting, loving heart, and who presided over us with a courtesy and gentleness which were poorly sacrificed for strict parliamentary rule and official dignity.

The love in the Spirit and the unity in the Spirit belong to the Councils of the Church no less than those intellectual forces which give strength and stability to their action. A mere Church business meeting, is an idea repellant to the essence of Christianity, and enough to withhold the presence of the Master "without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy." Alas for our Conventions when to their summons, there is no response "I was glad," in the love of the brethren.

THE DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN.

Our comfort in these separations must be the spirit of mutual confidence in which we have parted. The Church has seen with thankfulness

and admiration, the absence of pride and prejudice, the manifest deference and dignity, which have marked from its very inception the division into two bands. Brethren who may have doubted whether the time had yet come, would not interpose their objections. The Clergy and Laity of our mother Diocese have given us every evidence that we left them with their blessings and their prayers. "The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another," has been the language of official and private communication. Our Right Reverend Father in God generously opened the way to the consideration of the subject in the declaration—"However painful it may be to sever the present relations which have existed between myself and the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese without interruption for nearly thirty-six years, they will be relinquished whenever the interests of our beloved Church call for such a sacrifice." In this spirit he has met the whole course of procedure, and to the hour when he withdrew from the chair of the independent Diocese, he proved his fatherly interest in the part of his flock severed from his charge.

CONTINUED RELATIONS.

I am sure I speak as from your hearts as well as my own, when I say, I trust that every tie of churchly fellowship that need not be broken will remain, that interchanges of Ministerial offices will continue, and that we shall never cease to look with holy solicitude and satisfaction upon each other's welfare. While such fellowship has none of the difficulties of "Federate Convention or Council," it will prove a more vital bond of union.

FILLING THE EPISCOPATE.

It is only necessary for me here to make record of the completion of the organization of the Diocese in the election of a Bishop, effected in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, on Wednesday, December 2d, A. D. 1874. To my communications to the Diocese through the Standing Committee, in the Appendix* of this Address, I refer as expressing my own feelings and the sentiments that governed my decision. Yet these are rather secret things belonging to communion with my Maker. My discharge of this most solemn of all ministrations in the church of God must be the witness to you of the spirit in which I have assumed it. Assurances of confidence, sympathy and prayer from brethren, clerical and lay, in and without the Diocese, were the comfort given me in days of painful anxiety.

It was on the day when the Church calls us to the feet of our dear Lord, there to bewail and confess our own sinfulness and in our lowliness to realize our need and the power of His grace, that I penned the communication that was to place me over you in the Lord until death should us part.

THE CONSECRATION.

The consecration is so recent and its details having been spread on the pages of the Journal of the Primary Convention, I need only to remark

*Appendix B.

upon the gratification I derived from the presence of the several Bishops, some of them coming to us in the mid-winter from distant homes, the noble sermon of the Bishop of Long Island, the goodly gathering of the Clergy and Laity from both Dioceses, while I express my gratitude to the Rector and Congregation of the Church appointed for the solemnity, for the admirable arrangements which aided to make the services, in the judgment of all, worthy the Church's most solemn ceremonial. Never can I forget the sympathy that expressed itself in so many delicate forms, and helped me to bear the weakness, the fear and the trembling of that day of days in all my life.

I entered upon my office and work, presiding at a Missionary Meeting on the evening of the day. A few words from myself, in expression of pleasure at the presence of the Bishops, of filial love to my late Diocesan, and defining the Missionary position of the Diocese; were followed by addresses from all the Prelates present, except the Bishop of Long Island compelled by sickness to retire from the Church in the morning after the sermon.

Thus closed this hallowed day when the Providence that numbers the hairs of our head seemed to order each footstep of circumstance, even to the lull of the wintry storm, and amid all the fears in the way the voices of the night were "Certainly I will be with thee"—"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Agreeably to the Canonical requirement I proceed to notice in detail my official acts.

VISITATIONS.

February 25, Thursday evening, in Emmanuel Church, HASTINGS, preached and confirmed 3. The sermon was prefaced with an expression of satisfaction on commencing my work in this Parish, in charge of an old friend, having a long Rectorship and a record of peaceful, prosperous life.

February 26, Friday evening, in St. Thomas' Church, BATTLE CREEK, a vacant Parish, conducted the service and preached. Also met members of the vestry and conferred with them on the interests of the Parish.

I feel much anxiety about the Church in this place. The city is one of the largest in our Diocese and is growing; the various religious bodies are firmly established with imposing edifices. I fear that the heart of an active, zealous clergyman would fail him in that small, shabby edifice. I am sure our brethren would be cheered by the hearty gladness of the Diocese would they arise and build. Must we lose this Parish after more than thirty years existence?

February 28. 3d Sunday in Lent, in St. Luke's Church, KALAMAZOO, in the morning, was present at the administration of the Holy Communion, preached and confirmed 6. In the afternoon, preached to the children. In the evening, preached in St. John's Church, and confirmed 3.

March 1, Monday. A snow storm prevented my reaching PLAINWELL.

March 2, Tuesday evening, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, ALLEGAN, officiated in the service and preached. In the afternoon, met the vestry in conference on the payment of debt, and calling a Rector. The Parish is now, to my great satisfaction, in charge of the Rev. Walter Scott, and all indebtedness is extinguished. The Rev. H. Judd has left grateful memories of his work.

The Rev. James Selkrig, formerly Missionary to the Indians, now past four score, resides in this county. I learn that there is property belonging the Mission held in trust by Bishop McCoskry.

March 3, and 4, Wednesday and Thursday. The snow interrupting the trains, prevented my filling appointments at HOLLAND and SAUGATUCK.

March 5, Friday evening, preached in a room at BENTON HARBOR.

March 7, 4th Sunday in Lent, at St. Joseph, in the room occupied by the Parish, preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening, preached and confirmed 12. At the close of the services addressed the Parish on securing a church lot. Such progress is due to the three years faithful services of their Rector and the Missionary aid afforded.

March 8, Monday, in the evening, in Trinity Church, THREE RIVERS, addressed the children, preached, and confirmed 13, urged the co-operation of the congregation with their Rector in paying the church debt—a measure happily accomplished at Easter.

March 9, Tuesday, in the evening, in St. Paul's Church, MENDON, addressed the children, preached, and urged the duties of a congregation to their Minister, in view of the Rev. L. D. Ferguson having, as I was glad to learn, accepted the Parish. I hope the Rector will be able to give some time to adjacent places.

March 10, Wednesday, in the Baptist house of worship at STURGIS, in the evening, preached. The Rev. W. Forgus kindly met me, and before I left it was arranged that he should resume his services every two weeks, and a large hall was secured. The Bishop of Indiana gives his hearty consent to his Presbyter thus serving us.

March 11, Thursday, in the evening, for the Parish of Grace Church, BURR OAK, in the Presbyterian house of worship, officiated in the service, baptized a child, preached and confirmed 1. About $500 has been expended on a chapel, which should be moved to more central location. I hope to secure occasional services for the few who love the Church's ways.

March 12. Friday, in the morning administered the Holy Communion to 9 persons in the room of a sick parishioner of Grace Church.

In the evening, at QUINCY, in the Baptist house of worship, preached and confirmed 2. The Rev. H. Safford officiates here every Sunday afternoon. A church room should be provided.

March 14, 5th Sunday in Lent, in St. Mark's Church, COLDWATER, in the morning, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, baptized a child and an adult, and preached to the children. In the evening preached and urged the calling of a Rector.

March 15, Monday, in Grace Church, UNION CITY, preached and confirmed 2. The Parish sustains lay reading regularly and the Sunday School, and during Lent had a Lay Cottage Service. A Clergyman in the vicinity will visit the Parish to administer the Sacraments.

March 16, Tuesday, in Christ Church, HOMER, in the evening preached and confirmed 2. The Rev. L. H. Corson, of the Diocese of Michigan, officiates every Sunday morning. The church has been moved, and repairs are in progress.

March 21, Sunday before Easter, in Trinity Church, MARSHALL, in the morning, preached. In the afternoon, preached to the children. In the evening, preached and confirmed 19.

March 22, Monday in Holy Week, in St. James' Church, ALBION, in the evening, preached and confirmed 4. With its church edifice improved, this Parish is showing larger liberality towards its worthy Rector.

March 23, Tuesday in Holy Week, for the Mission at EATON RAPIDS, in the evening, preached in the church room and confirmed 4; also, addressed the congregation on promoting the interests of the Church. It has been determined to put up a small chapel, and the Missionary solicits aid without to purchase a lot. He has my confidence and sympathy.

March 24, Wednesday in Holy Week, for the Mission at CHARLOTTE, held a children's service, preached in their chapel and confirmed 7.

March 25, Thursday in Holy Week, in the evening, in St. Mark's Church, GRAND RAPIDS, administered the Holy Communion and preached.

March 26, Good Friday, in the morning, preached in St. Paul's Memorial Church. In the afternoon, in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, preached and confirmed 7. In the evening, at St. Mark's Church, preached and confirmed 27.

March 27, Easter Even, confirmed 1 person in private for St. Mark's Church, and in the afternoon, visited the newly organized Parish of Grace Church, addressed the children, preached and confirmed 8.

March 28, Easter Day, in St. Mark's, GRAND RAPIDS, preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, preached to the children of the several Sunday Schools in St. Mark's Church. In the evening preached in St. Paul's Memorial Church and confirmed 7. At the close of the service, briefly addressed the clergy and congregation on the relations of the Church in that city to the Diocese.

March 29, Monday in Easter Week, in St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, in the afternoon addressed the children and instructed the candidates for confirmation. In the evening, preached, confirmed 6, prepared by the Rev. S. Beckwith, a former Rector, and met the vestry in conference on the interests of the Parish. This is the only Parish on the line of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, north of Grand Rapids, and occupies an important relation to a wide district.

The field of labor of the Rev. P. A. Almquist was around Big Rapids, and his residence at this place. In reply to inquiries addressed to him, he informs me that his services were given chiefly at Tustin, Reed City, Big Rapids and Grand Rapids—that at Tustin the Mission has a church building and a house for the Minister, both nearly finished, and a farm of 80 acres belongs to it by virtue of a deed from the Continental Improvement Company. He thinks a Swedish Missionary would be favorably received and partly supported by his countrymen at Tustin and Grand Rapids.

March 30, Tuesday in Easter Week, administered the Holy Communion. In the evening of the same day, preached in the school house at Howard City. The Rev. Mr. Woodford will extend his care over the few church people resident here.

March 31, Wednesday, at Rockford, administered the Holy Communion in a private house, in the evening preached in the Congregational house of worship, the Rev. M. Morris baptizing 2 children.

April 1, Thursday, for St. Paul's Church, Courtland, preached in a hall. This Parish should erect a chapel for greater comfort and reverence in their worship.

April 2, Friday, for Christ Church, Plainfield, in the evening, baptized a child and preached. The church is unfinished and dilapidated. I urged the congregation to restore to the neighborhood the privileges of this church.

The Rev. M. Morris will arrange his services on one Sunday in the month, so as to visit each of these three places. The continuance of the arrangement must depend upon the interest shown.

April 4, 1st Sunday after Easter, in the morning, consecrated St. Paul's Church, Muskegon, administered the Holy Communion and preached, aided in the service by the Rev. S. Earp and M. Morris. In the afternoon, preached to the children. In the evening, after a sermon by the Rev. S. Earp, confirmed 8. Thus, after a long struggle, this Parish, led by their energetic Rector, have secured a comfortable church.

Monday, April 5th, in the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, in the evening, conducted the service and preached. I was unable to get the vestry together, but individuals assured me that about $600 could be secured for the services of a Rector.

April 6, Tuesday, in St. John's Church, GRAND HAVEN, in the evening addressed the children, preached and confirmed 4.

April 7th, Wednesday, at COOPERSVILLE, a station of the Rev. M. Morris, in the evening administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed 1. Since the visit a room has been secured for services.

April 11, 2d Sunday after Easter, in Trinity Church, NILES, in the morning preached, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed 9, in the afternoon preached to the children, and in the evening preached. The Parish are endeavoring to extinguish their debt for the enlargement of the church. Mr. Rodney C. Paine, an earnest churchman, whose face has been familiar in our Conventions, had lately died.

April 12, Monday at PAW PAW, for the Parish of St. Mark's Church, in the church room, part of the Rector's dwelling, catechised and addressed the children, and confirmed 6. In the evening, in the Christian house of worship preached. A Church lot has been secured by purchase. I trust that the longing of our venerable brother to see his little flock gathered in their own Sanctuary may be gratified.

April 13, Tuesday, at PLAINWELL, in the evening, officiated in the Presbyterian house of worship and confirmed 1. The Parish owns a lot which cost $650—$200 paid, on which stands a small, unfinished chapel, which has cost thus far $800. There has been raised in the place $400, and $600 abroad. I have asked neighboring clergy to give occasional services.

April 18, 3d Sunday after Easter, in St. Andrew's Church, ANN ARBOR, by the kind proposal of Bishop McCoskry, have the gratification of confirming 11 of those whom I had been over in the Lord.

April 25, 4th Sunday after Easter, in St. Paul's Church, GREENVILLE, in the morning, preached. In the evening, confirmed 10 and preached. There is a tone of encouragement in the Parish, warranted by their past success and their happy pastoral relations. In the afternoon preached at LANGSTON, 10 miles distant, in a school house. The only services are those given by Mr. Woodford.

April 26, Monday, at SAND LAKE, in the evening preached in the school house. The Rev. M. Morris will hold service here once a month in connection with Cedar Springs.

April 27, Tuesday, at LOWELL, in the evening, preached in the Congregational house of worship. There are a few earnest churchwomen who have secured a lot. The Rev. L. L. Rogers, of Saranac, will watch over the church interests.

April 28, Wednesday, in Trinity Church, SARANAC, in the evening, preached and confirmed 4. The limited salary indicates weakness in this old Parish.

April 29, Thursday, for the Parish of Grace Church, LYONS, preached in the Baptist house of worship. The edifice sold, the Parish is really extinct. The Rev. J. W. Clark, of Ionia, will endeavor to incorporate what remains into his own Parish.

April 30, Friday, for the Mission at PORTLAND, preached in the Congregational house of worship, and confirmed 9. This is a promising station served by the Rector from Ionia, with week-day services. The unused Presbyterian house of worship has been hired for permanent use.

May 2, 5th Sunday after Easter, in St. John's Church, IONIA, in the morning preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, addressed the children. In the evening, preached and confirmed 3. Before closing the services, urged the congregation to a measure that alone can remove the shame of our feebleness in this place—the erection of a new church. May God put into their minds the good desire, and by His continual help may they bring the same to good effect.

May 4, Tuesday, in All Saints' Church, SAUGATUCK, in the evening, preached and conducted the Service. The edifice is unfinished, though occupied. There is about $300 debt. On the following morning I administered the Holy Communion.

May 5, Wednesday, in Grace Church, HOLLAND, in the evening preached and administered the Holy Communion.

The Rector, the Rev. J. R. Taylor, is absent at the East, not to return, I fear, to the work in which he has endured much, unless better provision can be made for his support. In both Parishes I urged the people to use every exertion to promote his comfort and usefulness.

May 6, Ascension, for the Mission at TRAVERSE CITY, in the evening, in a hall, preached.

On the morning of this day passing through Grand Rapids, I was shown by the Rector of St. Mark's, a large house, singularly adapted to the purpose, which a parishioner has tendered for use for several years as a Hospital and Home. My heart rejoiced in this application of the Gospel to the poor. This is the Church realizing our blessed Lord on earth going about doing good.

May 7, Friday, in the same place, preached, confirmed 2, and met the gentlemen of the congregation. The Rev. A. C. Lewis officiates here monthly. The Mission is in that condition which results from having no local habitation. The church is not properly presented to the community. I hope her people will feel this, and by erecting a chapel, place her in her true position.

May 9, Sunday after Ascension, for the Parish of St. Paul's Church, ELK RAPIDS, in the Court House, in the morning, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon confirmed a person in pri-

vals and preached to the children. In the evening preached and confirmed 19, and met the vestry. The Church has a good foothold in a community of about 800, with no house of worship. The erection of a church is determined upon, though it is thought it cannot be accomplished immediately.

May 16, Whitsunday, in St. Luke's Church, KALAMAZOO, in the morning, preached, confirmed 8, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, in St. John's Church, preached to the children. In the evening, in the same church, preached and confirmed 1, and briefly addressed the congregation on the approaching Convention. This was the second visit to these Parishes.

May 19, Wednesday. Being detained in Cincinnati, attended the opening services of the first Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, and was courteously and kindly received by the Bishop and Clergy, some of whom had been my fellow workers in my early ministry.

May 21 and 22, Friday and Saturday, Ember Days, in Trinity Church, THREE RIVERS, held services appropriate to the days. On Friday evening, the Rev. G. E. Peters preached, and on Saturday evening, the Rev. L. D. Ferguson. On the latter occasion confirmed 8, having in the morning baptized an adult.

May 23, Trinity Sunday, admitted to the priesthood, the Rev. Miverson Erastus Buck, Minister of the Parish. The Rev. J. F. Conover presented the candidate, and the Rev. L. D. Ferguson united with him in the laying on of hands.

In the evening, in St. Paul's Church, MENDON, preached and confirmed 10. The Parish was vacant at the former visit.

May 24, Monday, in the evening, in St. Mark's Church, GRAND RAPIDS, preached before the Young Men's Association, and confirmed 8.

May 25, Tuesday, presided at a meeting held in St. John's Church, KALAMAZOO, for the discussion of methods of securing money for church objects. An able paper was read by the Rev. S. S. Chapin, and remarks offered by the clergy and laity.

May 26, presided at a meeting of the organization of the Board of Missions. The administration of the Holy Communion at the opening of the Convention this morning terminates the Episcopal duty for three months.

The visitations have included all the Parishes, but Grace Church, Ludington, and all the Stations, with the exception of Pentwater, Mount Pleasant, Cedar Springs and Newaygo. The visitation, undertaken ten days after I had been released from Parochial charge, has lacked proper special preparation. The willing co-operation of the Clergy and the uniform kindness of my reception, have relieved the anxieties of a new task,

and given me already a comforting trust in the relations so lately formed. While the liberality of the rail road companies has made my journeyings without charge, rarely have I been compelled to leave this pleasant mode of conveyance.

Only one self-supporting Parish is vacant, and three actual Stations; while there are several applications for positions in the Diocese.

Of our 30 clergy, 24 are engaged in ministerial work; 2 are incapacitated by age and infirmity; 8 are desirous of positions, and 1 is engaged in secular employment.

I may briefly present some notes by the way—

Happily the Churches are generally free from debt on their edifices. In some cases I have regretted to notice that location is adverse to the interests of the Parish. This is often the result of gift of land, or a subscription on condition of site. It is not wise thus to entail injury on a Church.

Our Parishes suffer from not having chapels and Sunday School rooms. —I can recall but one in the Diocese. In the use of the Church as a Sunday School room, aside from inconvenience, the reverence of God's Sanctuary suffers. There is an element of spiritual good in a room adapted to a limited body of worshipers. Weekday services are more or less omitted in our long winters, owing to the expense and difficulty of heating a Church. Inadequate heating arrangements is a very common complaint in our Churches.

In this connection, I advise, where there is no Church edifice, securing a suitable room that may be fitted up for service. There are important objections to even the occasional use of a House of Worship belonging to others. To say the least, it is not pleasant to utter in a borrowed pulpit what is opposed to the views of our church hosts. This is a kindness we can only return under peculiar circumstances. Such buildings are generally poorly adapted to our services. My preference is, to meet our feeble congregations "where prayer is wont to be made."

THE MISSIONARY ASPECT OF THE DIOCESE.

You will bear me witness, that almost the opening of my lips as your Diocesan, was, the proclamation to the Church that we had inaugurated a Missionary Diocese. And now after a general visitation, I am prepared to repeat this with emphasis.

What is our strength as a Diocese? Parishes nominally self-supporting, though not all with suitable maintenance, 15. Parishes more or less dependant on Missionary aid, 15. Parishes with no element of Churchly life, 2. Missions under clerical charge, 12, and perhaps four places that enjoy some care and service from the neighboring clergy.

All beyond is our weakness. At least 11 generally populous counties without Parish or Mission. In the whole Diocese our active Clergy as 1 to

18,868—our communicants 1 to 177. (Census of 1870.) As I pass through the Diocese, long miles of rail stretch from one point of visitation to another. I fear to count the number of villages from 500 to 2,500 souls, to say nothing of hamlets and rural districts, where the church has never raised her standard. Hence comes the question—

How shall we occupy our broad Missionary domain?

The two factors of Missionary work are men and money. We look at our Missionary work first in reference to the disposition of the clerical force.

Undoubtedly there is efficiency attached to concentrated labor, and the resident Clergyman has peculiar opportunities for creating Church sentiment and meeting openings for Church work. Rapidly increasing centers of population demand, as they will repay, the undivided work of a Minister. Yet our Missionary work must be chiefly in the form of limited itineracy. Epecially in the older portions of the Diocese, we must enter towns where various denominations have been long gaining their hold upon a population rather staid than changing—the nucleus is small—the instrumentality can only slowly expand, and the zeal of the laborer will be stifled, confined in narrow lines. Places naturally related must be united in the same Missionary charge. Thus a wider field will be opened, giving something the advantage of the good sized Parish, weakness and discouragement at one point may be compensated for by growth and interest at another, and we shall sooner meet the demands of territory and population.

A GENERAL MISSIONARY.

As an adjunct of our Missionary work, I have been impressed at every step of my progress through the Diocese with the importance of securing a General Missionary. I mean, a Clergyman of experience and tact in introducing the Church in new places, one of what I may style ingenuity in holy devices, of well regulated zeal, so believing as not to make haste, and yet so persevering that difficulty will not baffle or discourage, a man of ready speech who can find his text in the countenances of his hearers, who can lead them in sacred song, and so situated that to be at home will be the exception in his living.

To such an one, I would assign the exploration of places supposed to present the favorable opening for the Church—a matter that requires time, and in the want of which great mistakes are often made; the watch of little groups of our church folk in hamlets and villages; the visit to vacant places preparatory to the Bishop's coming, to prepare candidates for baptism and confirmation, and otherwise ensure the greater benefit of the Episcopal visitation, and occasionally the supply of a vacant Parish. The idea is borrowed from the practice of several influential religious bodies, and it strikes me that no expenditure of Missionary money would more amply repay us.

THE MISSIONARY WORK OF RECTORS.

A Missionary Diocese demands Missionary work as the gift of Rectors. We must ask every Rector to bestow such service as he may, on a few selected places contiguous to his Parish. A very effective watch may thus be kept over points that will not yet warrant, or which for which we cannot provide, Missionary charge. Lay co-operation will be more effective in such circumstances. Such work is a pleasant relief from ordinary duties, and if the Rectors generally will engage in it we can add at least a score of minor Missions.

I trust that in our doing good to "all sorts and conditions of men," the prisoner and the pauper will not be forgotten. Our Jails and Poor Houses are sadly neglected, while they contain those whom the Gospel alone can comfort and reclaim. Let the Clergyman within reach of either institution constitute himself the voluntary chaplain.

The other grand factor in Church extension is

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTION.

In our case, money is the grand want. Even in the few weeks that have elapsed since the Consecration, at least a fourth might have been added to our active Ministry, could adequate support have been secured.

I do not know a place in the Diocese that is prepared to inaugurate Services, assuming at once the entire charge for their maintenance.

The Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions have voted to the Diocese $1,000 for 1875; about the sum now received by their Missionaries. Our Church extension must depend upon what sum the Parishes and individuals may place in our Missionary treasury. Diocesan Missions are emphatically our anxiety and hope. This Convention can be busied in no higher work than to devise means to draw forth the interest and liberality of Parishes to enlarge our own borders.

The sum pledged from the Diocese for the past year was $1,206, the sum paid to Missionaries, to June 30, 1875, by the Church Extension Committee, is $1,937 50, making us debtors to the Diocese of Michigan $732 50.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING.

Even in the hearts of those of us whose lives are pledged to the spread of Christ's kingdom on earth, the Missionary spirit needs constant instruction and impulse. The Semi-Annual Missionary Meetings sustained in our former Diocese for many years, have proved most valuable aids in all branches of Missionary work, and have been approved and copied abroad. They are worthy the endorsement of the Convention with their programme of sermons and discussions, introduced with the usual devotional exercises. Some provision should be made for paying the expenses of travel of the Missionary and more distant Clergy.

CONVOCATIONS.

The Diocese will admit of two Convocation Districts, divided by an east and west line. The value of these meetings is seen especially in the smaller Parishes, cheering the lonely laborer, assuring the people of the interest of the Church, stimulating them to labor and liberality amid the trials of weakness and opposition. They are important for the examination of the field, and discussion and arrangement of work.

For the present at least, the simple form that leaves each meeting very much under the direction of the Minister is all that is required. By receiving suitable notice of time, I can generally have the gratification of meeting the Clergy at the Convocations and aiding them by information of the field.

GENERAL MISSIONS.

With the burden of our Diocesan work, I trust we shall not forget the broader fields of Missions. Admitted to representation in the General Board, we must share the responsibility. We have our fellowship in the Church partly through co-operation in her various good works. A Parish will more respect itself, and draw within the lines of charity's chief blessings, as it recognizes its duty to obediently follow the Church in all her ventures for the spread of Christ's kingdom.

On the evening of the Consecration, the members of the Board elected by the General Convention, met and organized after the manner of the Diocese of Michigan, and soon after I issued a Pastoral* explaining the plan and urging every Parish to make an annual collection for each of the four branches of Missions, as well as to become interested in what is known as Woman's work, and to patronize the publications of the Board.

AID TO CANDIDATES FOR THE HOLY MINISTRY.

The extension of the Church within our borders requires, that some provision should be made to sustain those who, desirous to give their lives to the Church in her holy Ministry, must ask her aid in their preparation.

While endorsing the necessity of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, and heartily commending it to your support, I am favorable to the Diocese, as soon as practicable, taking in charge its own candidates. Our collections will thus be appropriated without bearing the tax the machinery of a society must impose.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

Some provision should be made that our Missionaries may not want for Prayer Books, and tracts at least, for distribution. An annual collection

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—Whitsunday would be a very suitable time—will supply our present wants. I hope the time will come when we shall be able to make the beginning of the Parish Library in our Missions, and even occasionally to put a valuable book in the Pastor's limited library.

THE DIOCESAN PAPER.

I must express my sense of the value to our Diocese of the paper published by the Rev. J. T. Webster, of Detroit. Through its columns, freely tendered me, I can communicate to the Clergy and Laity information that could reach them in no other form. The sheet is placed at a price that will require a large subscription list to meet the expense. I ask its circulation as an aid in my work.

A FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, AND WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THE CLERGY.

We should recognize the principle "they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel," in suitable provision for those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and their families. The time honored custom of a Christmas Day collection will establish a Fund.

TRUSTEESHIP OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

The necessity of some legal provision by which Diocesan funds and property secured for Church purposes outside the Parishes might be confided to Trustees, has been long felt. At the late session of the Legislature such action was taken—partly through the influence of the Church Extension Committee—as will meet our wants. The Acts will be laid before you.

EXAMINING CHAPLAINS.

Agreeably to Title 1, Canon 4, of the Digest, I have appointed the following Examining Chaplains: Rev. C. A. Foster, LL. D.; Rev. V. Spalding; Rev. John W. Clark, and the Rev. Albert C. Lewis; and in a Pastoral* published in our "Our Dioceses," have given the division of duty, and stated the plan on which I desire to conduct Examinations and Ordinations. The expenses of Examiners should be made chargeable to the General Fund.

THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE DIOCESE.

The Committee on the Constitution and Canons are prepared to lay before you the results of their labor on our Canonical Law. Their report must occupy much of your attention. No disappointment must be felt should progress be slow and the close of the session leave the work incomplete. The experience of our General Convention with its long session and able body of counsellors has been that safe legislation is slow.

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One good Canon is no slight result of a Diocesan Convention. A first Convention is necessarily crowded with business, I trust the importance of our work will detain all the members of the body till the adjournment.

Canonical provision for the Missionary work of the Diocese—a plan for a Mission preceding the organization of the Parish—the Trusteeship of Church property, seem to me the topics that must chiefly draw on our thought and time.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION.

In the first Episcopal Address delivered in the original Diocese, from the lips of the late Bishop of Ohio, in provisional charge, stress was laid upon the qualification of Candidates for Confirmation.

In closing this my first official utterance to the Diocese, permit me to urge upon you, my brethren of the Clergy, great carefulness in all that pertains to this rite. The Church's thought and expression of the obligation "renewed, ratified, and confirmed," on the part of the candidate, is "a solemn vow, promise and profession." Only a penitent, believing, obedient spirit can sincerely utter the "I do" before men, Angels and God. Because we reject certain false tests of devotion, we must not the less insist upon evidence, and tokens of a heart given to Jehovah. No relation established between baptism and confirmation, must let us lose sight of the demand for serious purpose to lead a new life. The Rector is to be "ready to present for confirmation such persons as he shall think properly qualified."

Confirmation is a most serious step in a Christian life. When approached without due thought and seriousness, it is not only a "vain oblation," but it is a sad damage to the interests of an immortal soul.

I urge you, my brethren of the Clergy, so to confer with those whom you approach as probable candidates, that they may come to a reasonable and religious conclusion, and have an interval of special preparation. The rubric in regard to persons coming to Holy Baptism has its application to candidates for confirmation—"that they may be exhorted to prepare themselves, with prayers and fasting."

While the Church contemplates the Confirmation of the child, we must remember that the holy childhood she contemplates is not always realized, and that it is better to trust to baptismal grace than to anticipate its fruits.

The beauty of holiness in our Churches will much depend upon the meetness of our Candidates, and so will our satisfaction and happiness in their future career.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

The following LISTS and ACTS complete the record which I am required by Canon to lay before this Convention.

Candidates.

For Deacon's Orders,

CHARLES TAYLOR WOOD, Admitted, August 7, 1873. Hobart College, Geneva, New York.

Clergymen,

Ordained to the Priesthood.

May 23, 1875. Trinity Sunday, in Trinity Church, Three Rivers, the Rev. MINERSON ERASTUS BUCK, Minister of the Parish.

Received.

March 17, 1875. The Rev. LORENZO D. FERGUSON, from Ecclesiastical Authority of Central Pennsylvania, and has become the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Mendon.

April 2, 1875. The Rev. LEWIS L. ROGERS, from Ecclesiastical Authority of Michigan, and has become the Rector of Trinity Church, Saranac.

May 1, 1875. The Rev. WALTER SCOTT, from Ecclesiastical Authority of Indiana, and has become the Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan.

Clerical Changes in the Diocese.

The Rev. MOSELEY MORRIS adds to his charge of St. Paul's Church, Courtland, that of Christ Church, Plainfield, and the Missions at Rockford, Sand Lake, Cedar Springs, Newaygo, and Cooperville.

The Rev. DARIUS BARKER has resumed the charge of St. Mark's Church, Paw Paw.

The Rev. W. FORGUS, of the Diocese of Indiana, has resumed services at Sturgis, with the consent of his Diocesan.

Church Consecrated.

1st Sunday after Easter, April 4, 1875, St. Paul's Church, Muskegon.

Consent to Consecration of Bishop.

April 20, 1875. The Rev. THOMAS A. JAGGER, D. D., as Bishop of Southern Ohio.

Notices of Depositions.

February 24, 1875. The Rev. JOHN G. FITNAM, by the Missionary Bishop of Colorado.

March 18, 1875. The Rev. JAMES CALCOTT PRATT, Deacon, by the Bishop of Kansas.

May 4, 1875. The Rev. ALEXANDER FULLERTON, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Notice of Restoration to the Ministry.

March 15, 1875. WILLIAM H. JOHNSON, by the Bishop of South Carolina.

Funds Received.

From a friend in New York for my use in the work of the Diocese,	$250 00
From the Chapel of the Good Shepherd Sunday School, for a General Missionary,	10 00
From Sunday School of St. John's Church, Kalamazoo, for the same,	12 00
From St. Mark's Industrial Band of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, for a St. Matthias' Church, in commemoration of the Consecration of the first Bishop of Western Michigan.	40 00
Mrs. Laura R. Mead, of Coldwater, for Missions,	7 80

Summary.

Baptized, (2 adults)	5
Married,	1
Preached	62
Delivered Addresses,	35
Children's Services,	17
Celebrated the Holy Communion,	17
Confirmed in 28 Parishes and 8 Stations,	230
Consecration of Churches,	1
Organized Parishes visited, 32; others places, 15; Parishes visited twice, 5. Total number of visitations,	52
Clergymen transferred,	8
Clergymen of the Diocese changing or assuming Parishes,	2

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE.

APPENDIX B.

Letter of Acceptance.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10th, 1875.

To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western Michigan;

DEAR BRETHREN:—I received last evening from the presiding Bishop, official notice that a majority of the Bishops of the Church have given their consent to my consecration as Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

Being thus entitled to give my decision, I hereby communicate to you, as the Representatives of the Diocese, my acceptance of the Episcopate.

The time that has elapsed since I received official notice through the Committee of the Convention; has been with me a season of anxious thought, careful conference with those in whose judgment I have confidence, and of fervent prayer.

I have endeavored to view the matter from every stand point, and especially to regard the interests of the Diocese over which I have been called to preside.

Only in the faith that the Clergy and Laity in convention assembled, have been governed by the Holy Spirit in their action, and that called by God I may promote His glory in serving His Church, can I bring myself to accept this fearful charge.

I bring to the stewardship to which I have been called, a sincere desire to co-operate with my brethren of the Clergy and Laity, in building up the Church to whose service for my remaining time on earth I consecrate myself anew.

Trusting to "come unto you in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ," I hope by cheerful toil wherever God's work demands it, by wise and gentle counsel, by sympathy in all trials and difficulties, by a holy walk and conversation; at least to lay foundations upon which those who come after me may build in greater beauty and strength.

Coming to the Diocese with the kindest feeling towards all, I doubt not that I shall be received in the same spirit. Turning from the retired life of a Pastor, only by experience slowly acquired can I learn to discharge the new duties that will devolve upon me.

Through you, I ask the prayers of the Diocese that God may be with me in all that I have need to call upon Him for, and especially as I am approaching that solemn transaction to which I can only look forward "in weakness, in fear, and with much trembling."

Commending you personally and the Diocese you represent, to God's favor and blessing.

I am yours very sincerely,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

APPENDIX C.

Pastoral Letter.

To the Clergy and Parishes:

DEAR BRETHREN:—On the day of the Consecration, the members of the Board of Missions, elected by the General Convention, met and organized to carry on the work of the Board in our Diocese. We have adopted the form of organization that has proved so effective in the Diocese of Michigan, and which has given it such a proud record for liberality.

We aim to secure an annual contribution from EVERY Parish to each department of missions, viz. Domestic, Foreign, Indian, and the Colored People; to interest all our Parishes in what is known as "Woman's Work;" and to secure the circulation of the periodicals of the Board for adults and children—the "Spirit of Missions," "Home and Abroad," the "Ten Weeks Paper," the "Young Christian Soldier," and the "Carrier Dove".

The several Local Secretaries will exert themselves to secure these purposes by sermons and addresses, circulars, letters, and intercourse with the Clergy and Laity. I am very desirous that the report of the Board next October shall show that every Parish in Western Michigan has made an offering for each of the four branches of Missions. Our home work, great as are its demands, will not suffer, and the liberal Diocese will have the blessing of the liberal person. The Domestic Com-

mittee propose to aid us in the future as they have aided the Diocese of Michigan in the past.

LOCAL SECRETARIES.

For Domestic Missions—Rev. S. Earp.

For Foreign Missions—Rev. J. F. Conover.

For Home Missions to Colored People—Rev. J. W. Bancroft.

*For Indian Missions--

*For Woman's Work—

For Periodicals—Mr. T. P. Sheldon, Mr. F. A. Gorham, Mr. N. P Lovbridge.

Secretary—Mr. W. R. Shelby, Grand Rapids.

Respectfully yours,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

*At a subsequent meeting, the Rev. John Coleman was appointed Local Secretary for Indian Missions, and Mrs. S. L. Fuller for Woman's Work. See page 5.

APPENDIX D.

Pastoral Letter.

EXAMINING CHAPLAINS.

Under Title 1, Canon 4, §1, I appoint as Examining Chaplains in the Diocese of Western Michigan:

The Rev. V. Spalding, of St. Joseph, with special reference to "the first examination," of the Candidate for Priest's Orders.

The Rev. C. A. Foster, LL. D., of Kalamazoo, with special reference to "the second examination."

The Rev. Albert C. Lewis, of Elk Rapids, with special reference to "the third examination."

The Rev. John W. Clark, of Ionia, with special reference to the "examination of the literary qualifications of a Postulant or Candidate," and "of a Candidate for the office and administration of a deacon only."

All the examiners will be summoned in every case, and be expected to participate. See, Title 1, Canon 4, "Of Examinations."

When practicable, the ordinations will be appointed for "the stated times," and appropriate services will be connected with the Ember Day Examinations."

Ordinations to be Priesthood will be ordinarily held in the Parish of the Candidate.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

APPENDIX E.

Parochial Reports.

Digest of the Canons, Title I., Canon 12, Section IV., (3); Canon 15, Section I: Canons of Western Michigan, VIII.

NOTE—The date annexed to the Parish is that of its Incorporation, that to the Rector's name, of the commencement of his Rectorship.

St. James' Church, Albion, Calhoun County. (1840.)

THE REV. G. E. PETERS, RECTOR. (1870.)

Baptized—Infants, 6; adults, 4; total, 10. Confirmed, 4.
Communicants—Last reported, 71; admitted, 4; received 1; total added, 5; died, 8; removed, 5; total lost, 8; present number—males, 15; females, 50. Total . 65
Marriages, 6; Burials, 15.
Public Services—Sundays, 48; week days, 69; total . . 117
Holy Communion—Public, 12.
Congregation—Families, 66; adults, 182; children, 54; total . 236
Catechising: monthly—Number of times, 10
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male 3; female, 5; total 8
Pupils, male, 22; female, 44; total . . 66
Average attendance, ... 60

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 6 88	
The Sunday School	2 70	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	710 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property	440 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, . . .		$1,159 08

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention	$15 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects		15 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies	$5 00	
By the Sunday School, for Foreign and Domestic Missions	6 18	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		11 18
Total of Offerings		$1,185 26

Value of Church Property—The Church, $5.000.

The Church has been closed to Sunday services six months for repairs; about four months of this time I officiated at Hudson. This is the reason that no contributions to the various missionary objects are reported.

[Bishop's Address page 41.]

Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, Allegan County. (1860.)

THE REV. WALTER SCOTT, RECTOR. (1875.)

Baptized—Infants, 3.
Communicants—Last reported, 73; removed, 6; present number, males, 21; females, 46; total . . . 67
Marriages, 2; burials, 1.
Holy Communion—Public, 6.
Congregation—Families, 38; adults, 105; children, 45; total . 150
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 6; female 5; total . 11
Pupils, male, 15; female, 25; total . . 40
Average attendance 30
Parish Library—Number of volumes 25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

The Sunday School	$ 10 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	554 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property	15 00	
Received from the Ladies towards indebtedness	90 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$669 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$ 30 00	
Episcopate Fund, subscription	*820 00	

*NOTE—Uniformity in the reporting of the Endowment of the Episcopate being obviously desirable; and some Parishes having reported the whole subscription; some the portion paid, or secured; and others not all; the Secretary has inserted the figures furnished by the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, thus, in a few instances, increasing, and, in others, diminishing, the sums originally named in these Parochial Reports.

At present, a considerable portion of the total subscription is, and until the creation of the Board of Trustees of Church Property in the Diocese, will remain, unsecured, by any legal instrument.

See Report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, page 20.

Assessment of the Convention . . .	6 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, ...		856 00
Total of Offerings		$1,525 00

Value of Church Property—The Church, $8,000.

The Parish was vacant for six months, the present Rector having assumed the duties of the Rectorship on the 9th of May, 1875.

[Bishop's Address, page 40.]

St. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, Calhoun County. (1842.)

VACANT. REPORTED BY THE WARDENS.

Communicants—Last reported, 75.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 13; total	15
Pupils, male, 29; female, 42; total . .	71
Average attendance, 45.	
Parish Library—Number of volumes, ...	500

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$500 00	
By the Sunday School for Chancel Window, .	20 00	
Total for Parochial objects, ...		$520 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention, . . .	$ 30 00	
Episcopal fund, subscription, . . .	809 75	
Total for Diocesan objects, ...		$839 75
Total of Offerings		$1,359 75

The Value of Church Property—The Church, $2.500; Rectory, $3,000; total, $5,500.

[Bishop's Address, Page, 39]

St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, Mecosta County. (1869.)

VACANT. REPORTED BY THE WARDENS.

Baptized—Infants, 2. Confirmed, 6.	
Communicants—Last reported, 48; admitted, 6; received, 2; present number..	54
Burials, 1.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 8; total	11
Pupils, male, 27; female, 41; total. . .	68
Average attendance, ...	46

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Subscription to the Episcopal fund, . . . $190 00

This Parish has unfortunately been vacant during the whole year; and has had only occasional services. The Vestry has now, however, called a Rector, and we trust he will accept and soon be with us.

[Bishop's Address, page, 42.]

Grace Church, Burr Oak, St. Joseph County. (1868.)

VACANT. REPORTED BY THE WARDENS.

Baptized—(By the Bishop) Infants, 1. Confirmed, 1.
Communicants—Male, 2; female, 8; total, ... 10
Public Services—Week days, 1.
Holy Communion—Public, 1.
Congregation—Numerous and interested.
Sunday School—Officers and teachers, male, 1; female, 2; total. 3
Pupils, male, 6; female, 4; total, . . . 10
Parish Library—Number of volumes, ... 100
Value of Church Property—Chapel and School House, $1,000.

The Sunday School is held in a private house and only the children of Communicants attend.

[Bishop's Address, page, 40.]

Mission at Cedar Springs, Kent County. (1875.)

THE REV. MOSELEY MORRIS, MISSIONARY. (1875.)

Cedar Springs is a little town of perhaps 800 people. It is quite a point for lumbering, and the manufacture of shingles. A number of mills on the western side of the railroad, give it quite a busy appearance. It contains a fine brick school house, and two or three brick stores. Once we were unable to get a hearing in the place, every room being occupied. Now we have the use of a hall in one of the hotels. Sometimes a congregation of 100 people will attend upon our services, perhaps one-half of the number being men. We meet at five o'clock in the afternoon.

St. John's Mission, Charlotte, Eaton County. (1874.)

THE REV. JOHN L. TAYLOR, MISSIONARY. (1874.)

Baptized—Infants, 11; adults, 1; total, 12. Confirmed, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 8; received 12; total added 20; removed 5; suspended or dropped, 1; total lost, 6; present number, male, 3; female, 11; total . . 14
Marriages, 2.
Public Services—Sundays, 99; week days, 7; total . . 106
Holy Communion—Public, 12.

Congregation—Families, 10; adults, 25; children, 11; total . 36
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 2; total 4
Pupils, male, 4; females, 14; bible class, 7; total 25
Average attendance 18

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

The Sunday School	$ 12 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	252 45	
The increase and improvement of Church property, individual gifts, mostly from abroad by the kindness of an earnest friend of the Mission . .	172 00	
By the Sunday School, for Baptismal Bowl .	6 00	
Church furniture .	3 15	
Support of Sunday School	9 00	
Total for Parochial Objects . . .		$ 454 60

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention . . .	$2 00	
Total for Diocesan objects . . .		2 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Sufferers in the West	$2 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese . .		2 00
Total of Offerings		$458 60

Value of Church Property—The Church, $1.000.

The Financial Report extends from Easter, 1874, to Easter, 1875.

[Bishop's Address, page 41.]

St. Marks Church, Coldwater, Branch County. (1848.)

VACANT. REPORTED BY THE WARDENS.

Baptized—infants, 1; adults, 2; total, 3.
Communicants—Last reported, 117; received, 7; total added, 7; Died, 1; removed, 9; total lost, 10; present number, male, 27; female, 87; total, . . . 114
Marriages, 2; burials, 4.
Public Services—Sundays, ministerial, 32; lay, 34; total, . 66
Holy Communion—Public, 8; private. 1.
Congregation—Families, 75; adults, 94; children, 85; total, . 179
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 7; female, 10: total, 17
Pupils, male, 30; female, 53; total. . . 83
Average attendance. 30
Parish Library—number of volumes. 700

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Parish Library,	$ 20 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	742 08	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	157 87	
By the Sunday School for Singing books,	14 40	
Current expenses,	22 39	
Christmas festival,	25 88	
Total for Parochial objects,		962 12

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	12 50	
Assessment of the Convention,	40 00	
Episcopate Fund, total subscription,	*525 00	
Total for Diocesan objects,		577 50
Total of Offerings,		$1,559 62

The sources of the contributions reported above are, The Offertory, $384 26; Pew Rents, $507 02; Rents, $41 79; Individual Gifts, $525; Women's Associations, $18 66; Total, $1,476 78; The whole amount from the Sunday School, $62 67.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $2,500; other property, $3,000; total, $5,500.

[Bishop's Address, page 41.]

St. Mark's Mission, Coopersville, Ottawa County. (1874.)

THE REV. MOSELEY MORRIS, MISSIONARY. (1874.)

Baptized—Infants, 3. Confirmed, 1.	
Communicants—Present number, male, 3; female, 5; total	8
Burials, 2.	
Public Services—Sundays, 19; week days, 6; total	25
Holy Communion—Public, 2.	
Congregation—Families, 12; adults, 24; children, 48; total	72
Catechising—Number of times, 4.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 4; total	6
Pupils, male, 8; female, 12; total	20
Average attendance	15

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	$37 00	
A Surplice and Stole	10 00	
Total for Parochial Objects		$47 00

*200,00 of this Subscription is only verbally pledged. See note page 60.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Episcopate Fund, subscriptions . . .	$25 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects		25 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Foreign Missions	$1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese . .		1 00
Total of Offerings		$78 00

Coopersville is a village of about 300 inhabitants. It is situated on the line of the D. & M. railroad, about half way between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids. The place is surrounded by a fine farming country. Services have been held here from time to time, by the Clergy of both the above-named cities. A room has been secured and properly fitted up for Church purposes. Here the Sunday School is held regularly every Sunday, and full service with sermon twice a day, once in four weeks.

The people have provided a proper Surplice and Stole, and the Mission is well supplied with Prayer Books, Sunday School Papers, Leaflets, etc. The encouraging feature about St. Mark's Mission at present, is that the MEN all seem willing to do their part and attend services regularly as well as working well in the the Sunday School. They give as they are able for the support of the Church, and always make the Missionary some little gift to enable him to "thank God and take courage."

[Bishop's Address page 43.]

St. Pauls' Church, Courtland Centre, Kent County. (1860.)

THE REV. MOSELEY MORRIS, RECTOR, (M.) (1871.)

Baptized —Infants. 2.	
Communicants—Last reported, 13; total lost, 1; present number. male, 2; female, 10; total, ...	12
Marriages, 1.	
Public Services—Sundays, 19; week days, 2; total, . .	21
Holy Communion—Public, 4.	
Congregation—Families, 20; adults, 25; children, 25; total. .	50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$ 79 00	
For building Church, ...	110 00	
Total for Parochial Objects		$189 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$ 10 00	
Assessment of the Convention	2 00	
Episcopate Fund	165 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects		177 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Foreign Missions	$5 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, .		5 00
Total of Offerings, ...		$371 00

[Bishop's Address, page 42.]

St. Matthias' Mission, Eaton Rapids, Eaton County. (1874.)

THE REV. JOHN L. TAYLOR, MISSIONARY. (1874.)

Baptized—Infants, 4; adults, 3; total, 7. Confirmed, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; received. 10: total added, 15; removed, 1; total lost, 1; present number—males, 2; females, 12. Total 14
Marriages, 2; Burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 52; week days, 54; total . . 106
Holy Communion—Public, 8.
Congregation—Families, 12; adults, 20; children, 16; total . 36

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	329 43	
The increase and improvement of Church property	65 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, . . .		$394 43

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention	$2 00	
Total for Diocean Objects		2 00
Total of Offerings, ...		396 43

The figures attached to families, adults, etc., are for those who belong to us, and do not indicate the Sunday congregation, there being many strangers at some some seasons of the year. The Financial Report extends from Easter 1874, to Easter, 1875. This congregation is now ready to build a Church, which we hope will be completed during the summer.

[Bishop's Address, page, 41.]

St Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, Antrim County. (Reorganized 1871.)

THE REV. ALBERT C. LEWIS, RECTOR. (M.) (1869.)

Baptized—Infants, 18; adults, 3; total, 21. Confirmed 20.
Communicants—Last reported, 9; admitted, 10; received, 2; total present number, males, 6; females, 15; total . 21
Marriages, 3; burials, 8.
Public Services—Sundays 79; week days, 20; total . . 99
Holy Communion—Public, 13.

Congregation—Families, 25; adults, 45; children, 50; total . 95
Catechising—Number of times, 86.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male 3; female, 7; total 10
Pupils, male, 24; female, 21; total . . 45
Average attendance, ... 33

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

St. Paul's Guild	$165 66	
Collections	16 97	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	700 00	
By the Sunday School, for Papers, etc . .	13 81	
Total for Parochial Objects, . . .		$896 44

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$ 30 00	
Assessment of the Convention, ...	5 00	
Episcopate Fund, subscription . .	50 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects		85 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions	$ 4 30	
Nashotah	20 00	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies . .	5 00	
By the Sunday School, for Bishop Clarkson .	16 20	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese . .		45 50
Total of Offerings		$1,026 94

Held services and preached twice, June 7, 1874, at Port Huron. Held service and preached twice at Northport, June 21, 1874. We expect to get a Rectory this year, and a Church next year. With our new Bishop Church matters begin to look up and more brightening in the Grand Traverse region. May God's blessing rest on all!

[Bishop's Address, page, 44.]

St. John's Church, Grand Haven, Ottawa County. (1866.)

THE REV. WM. STOWE, RECTOR. (1874.)

Baptized—Infants, 9; adult, 1; total, 10. Confirmed, 4.
Communicants—Last reported, 108; admitted, 4; received, 2: total added, 6; removed. 17; suspended or dropped, 10; total lost, 27; present number, male, 26; female, 61; total 87
Marriages, 3; burials, 3.
Public Services—Sundays, 98; week days, 44; total . . 142
Holy Communion—Public, 15; private, 1.
Congregation—Families 35

Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female 6; total . 8
Pupils, male, 19; female, 36; total . . 55
Average attendance 31

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 10 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	927 82	
The increase and improvement of Church property	228 91	
Rev. Mr. Smyth, back salary . . .	39 88	
On Parish debt	76 25	
The Sunday School, for library, etc. . . .	65 80	
Total for Parochial Objects . . .		$1,348 11

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention . . .	$ 2 00	
Episcopate fund, subscription . . .	*100 00	
Total for Diocesan objects		102 00
Total of Offerings		$1,450 11

The sources of the contributions reported above are The Offertory, $148 74 Pew rents, $736 45; Subscriptions, $34 00; Individual gifts, $112 50; Woman's Associations, $249 32; Total, $1,281 06. The whole amount from the Sunday School, $65 80.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $6,000; Rectory, $1,800; total, $7,800

The Parish is in debt about $1,500

[Bishop's Address, page 43.]

St. Marks Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1836.)

THE REV. SAMUEL EARP, RECTOR. (1870.)

Baptized—Infants, 57; adults, 13; total, 70. Confirmed 36.
Communicants—Last reported, 660; admitted, 40; received, 25; total added, 65; died, 11; removed, 142; suspended or dropped, 13; total lost, 166; present number, male 200; female, 359; total, ... 559
Marriages, 14; burials, 26.
Public Services—Sundays, 155; week days, 256; total . 411
Holy Communion—Public, 30; private, 10.
Congregation—Families, 300; adults, 840; children, 560; total, 1,400
Catechising—Number of times, 82.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 10; female, 26; total, 36
Pupils, male, 124; female, 176; total, . 300
Average attendance, ... 230
Parish Library—Number of volumes, ... 700

*"Verbally pledged and no security yet given." See Report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, page 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 300 00	
The Sunday School	60 00	
City Missions	1,124 00	
Church Home and Hospital	1,000 00	
Rector's Fund	250 00	
Sundry Objects	339 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	6,000 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	5,578 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sundry objects	106 00	
Total for Parochial Objects		$14,757 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$ 425 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	200 00	
Episcopate Fund, subscription,	*23,505 00	
Church Building, Rectories, etc.	1,338 00	
Sundry Objects	340 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		25,808 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions	$506 00	
Foreign Missions	118 00	
Home Missions to Colored People	144 00	
Indian Missions	80 00	
Nashotah	5 00	
Missionary Bishops' Work	75 00	
Theological Education	300 00	
By the Sunday School for Bishop Tuttle	41 00	
Domestic Missions	54 00	
Foreign Missions	15 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		1,283 00
Total of Offerings		$41,848 00

Value of Church Property—The Church, $60,000; Chapel and School House, $10,000; Rectory, $12,000; Other Property, $18,000. Total, $100,000.

February 12, A. D., 1875. Organization of Grace Chapel into a separate Parish.
February 24, A, D., 1875. Consecration of the Bishop of the Diocese.
May 12, A. D., 1875. Opening of "St. Mark's Home."

Number of members of Parish Missionary Society, 145; amount contributed	$200 00
Number of members of Woman's Auxiliary, 250.	
Number of members of Industrial Band, 30: amount contributed	101 50
Number of members of Young Mens' Association, 40, amount contributed	200 00

*Of this amount the sum of $7,315 00 is "verbally pledged," but not yet secured by note or otherwise. See Treasurer's Report, page 20.

Number of Church Publications distributed: Home and Abroad, 100; Ten Weeks Paper, 100; The Young Christian Soldier, 200; The Carrier Dove, 75; The Children's Magazine, 50; Tracts of various kinds, 600; Papers taken by Parishioners, 170; The Spirit of Missions, 120.

The Report of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd is given separately by the Rev. Seth S. Chapin, Minister in charge.

[Bishop's Address, pages 41 and 44.]

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1874.)

THE REV. S. S. CHAPIN, MINISTER. (1874.)

Baptized—Infants, 19; adults, 1; total, 20. Confirmed, 7.	
Communicants—Admitted, 4, received, 1; total added, 5; removed 5; total lost, 5; present number, male, 10; female, 38; total	48
Marriages, 1; burials, 4.	
Public Services—Sundays, 47; week days, 41; total	88
Holy Communion—Public, 10; private, 1,	
Congregation—Families, 42; adults, 89; children, 96; total	185
Catechising—Number of times	15
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 6; female, 10; total	16
Pupils, male, 56; female, 78; total	134
Average attendance	80

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 12 74	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	600 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	264 00	
By the Sunday School for Books, Lesson Papers, Sunday School Papers, etc.	85 66	
Total for Parochial objects,		$962 40

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$ 8 05	
By the Sunday School, for Missions per Bishop Gillespie	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		18 05

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

By Woman's Missionary Association		
Domestic Missions	$1 20	
Foreign Missions	1 25	
Home Missions to Colored People	75	
Indian Missions	50	
Donation for the Conversion of the Jews	2 68	

By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions per Mite Chests	2 70	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		9 08
Total of Offerings		$989 58

The whole amount from the Sunday School, $98 86.
Value of Church Property— Chapel, $6,000.

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St. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1871.)

THE. REV. SIDNEY BECKWITH, RECTOR. (1870.)

Baptized—Infants, 13; adults, 2; total, 15. Confirmed, 7.	
Communicants—Last reported, 83; admitted, 7; received 8; total added, 15; removed 5; total lost, 5; present number, male, 20; female, 73; total	93
Marriages, 6; burials, 9.	
Public Services—Sundays, 104; week days, 60, total	164
Holy Communion—Public, 14; private, 1	
Congregation—Families, 70; adults, 180; children, 100; total	280
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 7; total	10
Pupils, male, 30; female, 50; total.	80

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 38 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	950 00	
By the Sunday School, for Parish	15 00	
Sunday School use	25 00	
Total for Parochial objects,		$1,028 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$ 25 00	
Assessment of the Convention	10 00	
Episcopate fund,	*200 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		235 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions	$5 87	
Foreign Missions	3 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		8 87
Total of Offerings,		$1,271 87

*Of this amount the sum of $20 00 is "verbally pledged," but not secured by note or otherwise. See Treasurer's Report, page 20.

The Church Property belongs to St. Mark's, and is included in her report.

At Big Rapids, services, class of six gathered for confirmation, two children baptized, two funerals attended. At Newaygo, services.

[Bishop's Address, page 41.]

Grace Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1875.)

THE REV. S. S. CHAPIN, RECTOR. (1875.)

Baptized—Infants, 6. Confirmed, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; received, 6; total added, 9; died, 1; removed, 3; total lost, 4; present number, male, 13; female, 40; total 53
Marriages, 6; burials, 7.
Public Services—Sundays, 49; week days, 50; total . . 99
Holy Communion—Public, 10; private, 1.
Congregation—Families, 50; adults, 120; children, 60; total . 180
Catechising—Number of times, 15.
Sunday School—Officers and teachers, male, 8; female, 11; total 19
Pupils, male, 65; female, 60; total, . . 125
Average attendance 80

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported)	$ 5 00	
The Sunday School, ...	99 75	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	590 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School purposes	30 00	
Total for Parochial Objects . . .		$724 75

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$25 00	
Assessment of the Convention	3 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects . . .		28 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions	$ 4 60	
Foreign Missions	2 34	
Home Missions to Colored People . . .	1 50	
Indian Missions	2 23	
Woman's Aux. Miss. Association, Kansas, 1 Box .	100 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese .		110 67
Total of Offerings		$863 42

The sources of the above contributions are, Women's Associations, $110 67.

Value of Church Property—Chapel, $4,000.

[Bishop's Address page 41.]

St. Paul's Church, Greenville, Montcalm County. (1872.)

THE REV. SIDNEY H. WOODFORD, RECTOR. (1873.)

Baptized—Infants, 11; adults, 5; total, 16. Confirmed, 10.
Communicants—Last reported, 47; admitted, 10; received, 7; total added, 17; died, 2; removed, 12; total lost, 14; present number, total 50
Marriages, 3; burials, 9.
Public Services—Sundays 52; week days, 24; total . . 76
Holy Communion—Public, 18.
Congregation—Families, 50; adults, 175; children, 40; total . 215
Catechising—Number of times, 52.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male 3; female, 3; total 6
Pupils, male, 20; female, 20; total . . 40
Average attendance, ... 25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 65 33	
The Sunday School, ...	45 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	1,150 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property	3,000 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, . . .		$4,260 33

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$ 15 00	
Episcopate Fund, subscription . . .	*200 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects		215 00
Total of Offerings		$4,475 33

[Bishop's Address, page, 43.]

Emmanuel Church, Hastings, Barry County. (1863.)

THE REV. JOSEPH WEBB BANCROFT, RECTOR. (1865.)

Baptized—Infants, 6; adults, 3; total, 9. Confirmed 3.
Communicants—Last reported, 71; admitted, 4; received, 3; total added, 7; died, 2; removed, 7; total lost, 9; present number, male, 6; female, 63; total, . 69
Marriages, 4; burials, 16.
Public Services—Sundays, 82; week days, 57; total . . 139
Holy Communion—Public, 19.
Congregation—Families, 42; adults, 105; children, 44; total, . 149
Catechising—Commonly every Sunday.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 5; total, 6
Pupils, male, 14; female, 31; total, . . 45
Average attendance, ... 27
Parish Library—Number of volumes, ... 50

*"Verbally pledged." See Report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, page 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 18 49	
The Sunday School	32 46	
Rector's Salary	909 46	
All other expenses of Parish maintenance	129 95	
Cash	8 70	
By the Sunday School, for current expenses	23 51	
Total for Parochial Objects		$1,122 57

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$ 30 00	
Assessment of the Convention	10 00	
Episcopate fund, subscription	525 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.	8 68	
To a Candidate for Orders	10 00	
By the Sunday School, for the Mission at Plainwell	7 50	
Total for Diocesan objects		591 18

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions	$18 07	
Foreign Missions	9 21	
Home Missions to Colored People	11 84	
Indian Missions	7 92	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews	3 76	
A box of clothing to St. Augustine's Mission, Savannah, Georgia	47 67	
A box of clothing to a Missionary in Texas	80 28	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		178 75
Total of Offerings		$1,892 50

The sources of the contributions reported above are The Offertory, $179 34; The Envelope System, $827 98; Subscriptions, $525 00; Individual gifts, $64 95; Women's Associations, $264 22; Total, $1,892 50. The whole amount from the Sunday School, $31 01.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $3,000.

The indebtedness of the Parish is $31 78. A small balance of cash, however, appears above, which would reduce the indebtedness somewhat.

A gratifying indication of advance in Church Work during the year is seen in the offerings of Clothing made to the Missions of the Church. The boxes mentioned were prepared by the Woman's Missionary Association and the Girl's Industrial Band; the latter, though few in number, by their diligence, contributed $24 33 of their value.

[Bishop's Address, page 39.]

Grace Church, Holland, Ottawa County. (1867.)

THE REV. J. RICE TAYLOR, RECTOR. (M.) (1868.)

Reported by the Secretary of the Vestry.

Baptized—Infants, 1.	
Communicants—Last reported, 21; received, 1; died, 1; removed 4; total lost, 5; present number, male, 1; female, 16; total,	17
Public Services—Sundays, 20; week days, 4; total,	24
Holy Communion—Public, 4.	
Congregation—Families, 24; adults, 54; children, 37; total,	91
Catechising—Number of times, 50.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 7; total	10
Pupils, male, 41; female, 47; Bible class, 7; total	95
Average attendance	45
Sunday School Library—Number of volumes	164

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$302 82	
By the Sunday School, for current expenses	24 66	
Total for Parochial Objects		$327 48

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$ 15 00	
Assessment of the Convention	5 00	
Episcopate Fund, subscription	100 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.	1 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects		121 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

By the Sunday School, Domestic Missions	$4 07	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		4 07
Total of Offerings		$452 55

Value of Church Property— Chapel, $5,500.

The Bishop of Michigan visited this place June 12, 1874, and consecrated the Church, and was assisted by nine of the Clergy. The Rev. J. Rice Taylor, who has been the faithful Pastor of this Parish from its organization, has been absent since Christmas. The only church service held, during his absence, was one by the Bishop of this Diocese, on May 5, 1875.

[Bishop's Address, pages 40 and 44.]

REPORT OF THE REV. J. RICE TAYLOR.

Having been absent since the beginning of the present year from the Stations where I have almost unremittingly labored for the past six or

seven years, and being still abroad, I can only render an informal and partial report.

In October last I came East, with the hope of gathering additional funds to pay a small debt on the Church building in Holland, and, also, to finish the edifice at Saugatuck. I returned in November, having met with little success. Hard work, with inadequate support, endured for years, had worn upon me, and I felt compelled to seek rest from ordinary duties, and change from the severity of the Winter. I accordingly came East at the beginning of January. Since then I have been for the most of the time on Staten Island, N. Y., and have, on the average, attended three services every week, often preaching three times of a Sunday.

My absence is under written sanction of the Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan. My connection with my Missionary Stations is not severed; but must soon be, unless some effort is made to secure me an adequate support. Hitherto, in these Parishes, I have labored at much disadvantage, in this and some other respects. I have in hand $200, contributed for my two Parishes abroad, which will be paid so soon as provision is made by them, for my daily subsistence.

It is a law of man's nature that he should generally value that for which considerable sacrifice has been made. My attachment to the people for whom I have long been toiling and praying, remains undiminished; and, I trust, that, under God, the work will be carried on.

The Sunday Schools in both places are in a thriving condition. Lay Reading has been sustained by good congregations, on Sunday mornings at Saugatuck, since last February.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR CHURCH BUILDING AT HOLLAND.

Church Lot	$ 500 00
Building	3,300 00
Seats and Chancel Fixtures	330 00
Furnace and Lamps	375 00
Window	400 00
	$4,905 00

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR CHURCH BUILDING AT SAUGATUCK.

Church Lot and temporary Fence	$ 420 00
Church Building	3,475 71
For Furnace, Seats and Lamps	390 00
	$4,285 71

Total receipts from abroad, for Church buildings at Holland and Saugatuck, $6,830 32.

Christ Church, Homer, Calhoun County. (1841.)

VACANT. REV. L. H. CORSON, OFFICIATING.

Baptized—Infants, 1. Confirmed, 2.
Communicants—Last reported, 28; admitted, 2; total added, 2; present number, male, 9; females, 12; total . 21
Public Services—Sundays, 26; week days, 1; total . . 27
Holy Communion—Public, 8.
Congregation—Families, 12; adults, 21; children, 6; total . 27

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$161 00	
Total for Parochial Objects . .		$161 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention	2 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects		2 50
Total of Offerings		$163 50

The sources of the above contributions are, The Offertory, $61 00; Individual Gifts, $100 00.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $3,500.

We have continued the repairs on our Church as much as possible, without creating a debt; must still do more as the funds can be raised.

[Bishop's Address, page 41.]

St. John's Church, Ionia, Ionia County. (1848.)

THE REV. JOHN W. CLARK, RECTOR. (1874.)

Baptized—Infants, 1; adult, 1; total, 2. Confirmed, 8.
Communicants—Last reported, 91; present number, male, 26; female, 67; total 93
Marriages, 4; burials, 4.
Public Services—Sundays, 96; week days, 61; total . . 157
Holy Communion—Public, 16.
Catechising—Number of times, 40.
Sunday School—Officers and teachers, male, 2; female, 6; total . 8
Pupils 75
Average attendance 45

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 51 46
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	1,200 00

By the Sunday School, for Sunday School expenses	84 02	
Total for Parochial Objects		$1,285 48

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$ 36 50	
Episcopate Fund, total subscriptions	*1,000 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.	8 08	
By the Sunday School, for a General Missionary, as suggested by the Bishop; one collection	1 58	
Total for Diocesan Objects		1,046 16

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions	$ 6 81	
Foreign Missions	4 63	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews	3 06	
Sufferers at Shreveport, La.	6 65	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		21 15
Total of Offerings		$2,352 79

This Parish can only barely exist in the present building, which is neither attractive externally, nor comfortable internally. When it becomes the chapel of a more suitable structure, and not until then, can this old Parish have vigorous growth. An effort to this end was intimated to the present Rector as expected, or he would have hesitated to enter upon the work of the ministry where so much labor had been "as water spilled upon the ground."

[Bishop's Address, page 44.]

St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County. (1838.)

THE REV. JAMES F. CONOVER, RECTOR. (1872.)

Baptized—Infants, 7; adults, 3; total, 10. Confirmed, 9.	
Communicants—Last reported, 164; admitted, 9; received 7; total added, 16; died, 2; removed 12; total lost, 14; present number, male, 36; female, 130; total	166
Marriages, 3; Burials, 9.	
Public Services—Sundays, 109; week days, 118; total.	227
Holy Communion—Public, 21.	
Congregation—Families, 88; adults, 239; children, 108; total,	347
Catechising—Number of times, 12.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers. male, 2; female, 12; total	14
Pupils, male, 36; female, 50; total	86
Average attendance	60

*Of this amount, the sum of $675 00 is "verbally pledged," but not yet secured by note or otherwise. See Treasurer's Report, page 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 126 90	
For the Sunday School	65 68	
Easter and Christmas Decorations	43 90	
Collections, not otherwise reported	161 88	
Repairs on Church and Rectory	189 28	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	2,772 06	
By the Sunday School, for Papers, etc.	41 00	
The Poor	34 25	
Baptismal Font	175 00	
Care of Cemetery Lot	8 00	
Total for Parochial Objects		$3.562 90

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$ 225 00	
Assessment of the Convention	70 00	
Episcopate Fund, subscription	8,190 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.	15 53	
Church Building, Rectories, etc.	28 52	
Tracts for Mission Work	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		8,539 05

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions	$323 48	
Foreign Missions	61 23	
Home Missions to Colored People	27 37	
Indian Missions	27 36	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry	19 66	
Nashotah Theological School	30 36	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews	4 02	
Missionary Bishops' Work	10 50	
Kansas Sufferers	27 51	
Of the above the ladies contributed $181 41, and the Sunday School $19 00.		
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		531 49
Total of Offerings		$12,633 44

The sources of the contributions reported above are, The Offertory, $889 73; Pew Rents, $2,345 71; Subscriptions, $8,548 38; Individual Gifts, $385 41; Women's Associations, $218 66; Total, $12 387 89. The whole amount from the Sunday School, $161 82.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $10,000; Rectory, $6,000; Other Property, $5,000: Total, $21,000.

Of the services enumerated above, 31 were held at various points outside of the Parish. The subscriptions to the Episcopate Fund came from 23 members of the Parish. The offerings for Domestic missions include a box of clothing and household goods, valued at $200 00, sent to a Mis-

sionary in Texas. The Baptismal Font, an elegant one of white Italian marble, is the gift of a family in the Parish. I am thankful to be able to say that the Parish is united, active and prosperous, rejoicing that God in His great love, has given it His blessing.

[Bishop's Address, pages 39 and 45.]

St. John's Church, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County. (1860.)

THE REV. C. A. FOSTER, M. D., LL. D., RECTOR. (1864.)

Baptized—Infants, 11; adults, 6; total, 17. Confirmed, 4.		
Communicants—Last reported, 120; admitted, 6; received, 8; total added, 9; removed, 1; present number, male, 18; female, 110; total,		128
Marriages, 17; burials, 7.		
Public Services—Sundays, 104; week days, 65; total		169
Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 1,		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 5; total		7
Pupils, male, 15; female, 60; total		75
Average attendance		30

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Paid by the Ladies on Parsonage debt	$ 155 20	
For Sunday School books, etc.	88 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	1,217 60	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School Library, etc.	82 97	
Total for Parochial Objects		$1,443 77

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

The Sunday School, presented to the Bishop for Missionary	$ 12 00	
Assessment of the Convention	15 00	
Episcopate Fund, subscription,	500 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects		527 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Indian Missions	$8 20	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry	3 00	
Nashotah Theological School	2 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		8 20
Total of Offerings		$1,978 97

[Bishop's Address, pages 39 and 45.]

Holy Trinity Mission, Lowell, Kent County. (1872.)

VACANT. NO REPORT.

"Services have been held here at intervals. The ladies have been zealous, at one time sustaining a Sunday School. A lot has been purchased, and the Mission has $125 besides. The Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Saranac, will give occasional services." [Bishop's "Notes of Visitations," in Our Dioceses. See, also, Report of the Rector of Trinity Church, Saranac.

[Bishop's Address, page 43.]

Grace Church, Ludington, Mason County. (1873.)

THE REV. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, RECTOR. (M.) (1873.)

Baptized—Infants, 6; adults, 8; total, 9.	
Communicants—Last reported, 21; received, 5; removed, 3; present number, male, 5; female, 18; total	23
Marriages, 1; burials, 2.	
Public Services—Sundays, 55; week days, 10; total	65
Holy Communion—Public, 12.	
Congregation—Families, 20; adults, 55; children, 42; total	97
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 4; total	5
Pupils, male, 15; female, 30; total	45
Average attendance	30

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 10 00	
The Sunday School, for the Sunday School	8 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	250 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	1,100 00	
Ladies' Society for Organ and Lamps	400 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1,768 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$15 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	2 00	
Episcopate Fund, subscription	25 00	
Total for Diocesan objects		42 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions	$5 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		5 00
Total of Offerings,		$1,815 00

Grace Church, Lyons, Ionia County. (1855.)

VACANT. NO REPORT.

"The history of this Parish is a sad one. A good sized church, once having a very fair congregation, has passed into the possession of the Methodists. Few Church people are left, and the place is not increasing. There is little hope of resuscitating the Parish. The Rector at Ionia, six miles distant, will extend such care over the Church interests as may be needed." [Bishop's "Notes of Visitations," in Our Dioceses.

[Bishop's Address, page 44.]

Mission at Manistee, Manistee County.

REPORTED BY THE REV. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD.

I have visited Manistee, and baptized 2 adults and 8 children. I find at this place several Church families, and 12 or 15 persons who report to me as being actual communicants of the Church. Could a Missionary be sent there, I have no doubt but in a short time the Church would be permanently planted at that place. There is a class there now waiting Confirmation.

"Manistee has a population of between 5,000 and 6,000, one-third Americans. This is now the largest town in Northern Michigan, without our services. Two plans may be pursued—to purchase a lot and erect a Church, or to secure Ministerial services at once.

"Five years ago a clerical deputation visited this place, and held services—the Rev. Messrs. Tustin, Pitkin and Worthington. The prospect then was that the Church would be established at once." [Bishop's "Notes of Visitations," in Our Dioceses.

Trinity Church, Marshall, Calhoun County. (1836.)

THE REV. H. B. WHITTEMORE, RECTOR. (1874.)

Baptized—Infants, 17; adults, 5; total, 22. Confirmed, 19.		
Communicants—Last reported, 127; admitted, 26; received 18; total added, 39; died, 3; removed, 12; suspended or dropped, 1; total lost, 16; present number, male, 40; female, 120; total		160
Burials, 13.		
Public Services—Sundays, 68; week days, 52; total,		120
Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 4.		
Congregation—Families, 100; adults, 230; children, 101; total,		331
Catechising—Nearly every Sunday.		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 5; female, 18; total		23
Pupils, male, 70; female, 83; total		153
Average attendance		98

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 42 04	
The Sunday School	107 00	
Thanksgiving Day—Individual offering for Prayer Books, for Church use	20 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	1,328 29	
Parsonage Fund—Offerings, $190 00; Interest, $80 00;	238 45	
Ladies Society, $58 45		
Improvements in Chancel—Private offerings	53 00	
Repairs	115 27	
Insurance—Offerings, $63 50; Ladies, $31 50	70 00	
Christmas Decorations—Subscriptions	19 00	
Easter Decorations—Ladies Society	6 00	
By the Sunday School, for its expenses	23 18	
Total for Parochial Objects		$2,026 23

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$ 89 14	
Assessment of the Convention	50 00	
Episcopate fund, subscription	400 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.	12 50	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions	10 86	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		562 50

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions	$ 10 70	
Foreign Missions	11 00	
Home Missions to Colored People	17 28	
Indian Missions	10 00	
By the Ladies Society, for Indians at White Earth Reservation, a box valued at	100 00	
Indian Girls School at Yankton Agency, Dakota, a box valued at	40 00	
Freight on above	5 50	
By the Sunday School, for Nashotah Theological School	24 92	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		219 40
Total of Offerings		$2,808 13

The sources of the contributions reported above are The Offertory, $426 21; Pew Rents, $1,290 80; The Envelope System, $148 27; Subscriptions, $255 50; Individual Gifts, $473 00; Women's Associations, $304 35; Total, $2,808 13. The whole amount from the Sundsy School, $58 96.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $20,000; Rectory Fund, $1,136 76; Other Property, $100 00: Total, $21,236 76.

This Parish was without a Rector four months of this year. The report, therefore, shows the result of only eight months' work. The present

Rector has met with such co-operation in his work as to give him the greatest encouragement to hope and expect that, with God's blessing, next year's report will be such as to show that the Parish has entered on a career of renewed usefulness and prosperity.

The Parish and Mission Sunday Schools have been combined. They now form one School, meeting in the Parish Church. The result in every way fully justifies the above mentioned change.

[Bishop's Address, Page, 41]

St. Paul's Church, Mendon, St. Joseph County. (1867.)

THE REV. L. DAVID FERGUSON, LL. D., RECTOR. (1875.)

Communicants—Total	36
Public Services—Sundays, 24; week days, 3; total	27
Holy Communion—Public, 2.	
Congregation—Families, 33; adults, 75; children, 45; total	120
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 5; total	8
Pupils, male, 21; female, 20; total.	41
Average attendance,	35
Parish Library—Number of volumes,	400

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	$1,000 00	
Total for Parochial objects,		$1,000 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$4 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	2 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects		6 50
Total of Offerings		$1,006 50

The Parish has been vacant for more than a year and a half. The present Rector entered upon the Rectorship on the 10th of March, 1875.

[Bishop's Address, pages 40 and 45.]

Mission at Mount Pleasant, Isabella County.

"The Rev. H. J. Brown, Jr., (Diocese of Michigan,) has given services here, and considering the size of the place, (800 population,) there is much Church interest. The people will ascertain what they can do to compensate for services. A Mission might be formed in connection with Clare, Farwell, Reed City, etc." [Bishop's "Notes of Visitations," in Our Dioceses.

St. Paul's Church, Muskegon, Muskegon County. (1867.)

THE REV. A. W. SNYDER, RECTOR. (1873.)

Baptized—Infants, 15; adults, 4; total, 19. Confirmed, 8.
Communicants—Last reported, 54; admitted, 8; received, 8; total added, 16; removed, 9; suspended or dropped, 4, total lost, 13; present number, males, 17; female, 40; total 57
Marriages, 2; burials, 4.
Public Services—Sundays 162; week days, 74; total . . . 236
Holy Communion—Public, 29.
Congregation—Families 50
Catechising—Number of times 52
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male 5; female, 8; total 13
Pupils, male, 20; female, 30; total . . 50
Average attendance 45
Sunday School Library—Number of Volumes . . . 250

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 30 67	
For Font	80 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	1,500 00	
For Paying the Church debt . . .	1,360 00	
By the Ladies' Society, for various Parish purposes	315 05	
By the Sunday School, for various objects, . .	76 00	
for Mission Sunday School	15 00	
Total for Parochial Objects . . .		$3,376 72

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$25 00	
Assessment of the Convention . . .	15 00	
Episcopate Fund, subscription . . .	220 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc. . . .	3 96	
Total for Diocesan Objects, . . .		263 96

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Nashotah Theological School . . .	$18 15	
Missionary Bishops' Work	10 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese . .		28 15
Total of Offerings		$3,668 83

[Bishop's Address, page 42.]

Mission at Newaygo, Newaygo County. (1874.)

THE REV. MOSELEY MORRIS, MISSIONARY.

Baptized—Infants, 2.
Communicants—Present Number, male, 1; female, 6; total . . 7

Holy Communion—Public, 1.
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Pupils, 40.

Newaygo is a town of about 1,000 inhabitants, beautifully and romantically situated upon the Muskegon River. It is at present the County Seat of Newaygo county. As a business point it is not as promising as the towns on the line of the Gr. Rapids & Ind. R. R. The County Seat will probably be moved to Fremont, the geographical center of the County. Just now the Gr. Rap. & Newaygo R. R. is being graded ten miles beyond to a place called Morton. There remains a good country tributary, and a spendid water power to be improved.

Our Congregational brethren at this place have been very kind to us in allowing us the use of their house of preaching. We have, alas! but one male communicant. A few earnest women, however, have gathered a Sunday School of about 40 pupils, and are hopeful. I visit the place every fourth Sunday.

Trinity Church, Niles, Berrien County. (1834.)

THE REV. JOHN COLEMAN, RECTOR. (1874.)

Baptized—Infants, 24; adults, 4; total, 28. Confirmed, 9.
Communicants—Last reported, 182; admitted, 9; received, 22; total added, 31; died, 4; removed, 7; suspended, dropped or unaccounted for, 47; total lost or deducted, 58; present number, male, 80; female, 125; total, 155
Marriages, 5; burials, 14.
Public Services—Sundays, 99; week days, 126; total . . 225
Holy Communion—Public, 22; private, 5,
Congregation—Families, about 212
Catechising—Weekly.
Sunday School—Officers and teachers, male, 4; female, 11; total 15
Pupils, ... 128

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 85 04	
The Sunday School, Christmas Festival . .	54 10	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	1,597 34	
For publication of "The Trinity Record"—Parochial paper	38 20	
By the Ladies' Aid Society	82 00	
By the Ladies' Guild	108 12	
By the Sunday School, for miscellaneous objects,	37 89	
for Easter offering .	67 52	
Total for Parochial objects, . . .		$2,059 71

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, ...	$100 00
Assessment of the Convention	50 00

Episcopate fund, sundry subscriptions	275 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		425 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions	$25 00	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry	20 00	
Nashotah Theological School	15 00	
For Racine College	20 00	
Missionary Bishops' Work, box of Clothing for Missionary in Colorado	50 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese		130 00
Total of Offerings,		$2,614 71

Value of Church Property—The Church, $18.000; Rectory, $1,500; Other Property, $2,500. Total, $22,000.

Especial allowances are to be made for the small total of offerings. The amount above reported is not commensurate with the ability of the Parish; nor equal to what has been done, and can be done by us.

However, to the above amount should be added about $2,300, lately subscribed and pledged towards clearing off the Parish indebtedness of some $3,600. We hope soon to liquidate the entire amount of the debt.

The Parish has suffered the disadvantage of a vacancy of several months in the Rectorship. My predecessor resigned the charge in August last, his resignation taking effect October 1st. The present Rector assumed charge December 1, 1874.

During the past winter, the Parish sustained unusual losses by death. Among the number, the Rector records the great loss incurred by the Parish and the community, in the decease of the Hon. Rodney C. Paine, our late honored Senior Warden.

I have visited Buchanan, 5 miles distant, where we have 5 Church families, and 5 Communicants; and Bertrand, 5 miles from Niles in another direction, where we have, also, 5 Church families, and 6 Communicants, —all included in the above report.

[Bishop's Address, page 43.]

St. Mark's Church, Paw Paw, Van Buren County. (1851.)

THE. REV. DARIUS BARKER, RECTOR. (1875.)

Baptized—Infants, 4; adult, 8; total, 7. Confirmed, 6.	
Communicants—Last reported, 26; admitted, 7; received, 1; total added, 8; removed, 5; present number, male, 6; female, 23; total	29
Marriages, 4; burials, 6.	
Public Services—Sundays, 40; week days, 6; total	46
Holy Communion—Public, 6.	
Congregation—Families, 22; adults, 49; children, 30; total	79

Catechising—Number of times 6
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 7; total 8
Pupils, male, 12; female, 30; total . . 42
Average attendance 30

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$100 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property	43 35	
By the Sunday School, for Church building, Easter offering . . .	12 50	
for Sunday School Papers	8 50	
Total for Parochial Objects . . .		$164 35

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention	10 00	
Episcopate Fund, subscription	25 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects . . .		35 00
Total of Offerings		$199 35

The sources of the above contributions are, The Offertory, $10 00; Individual Gifts, $100 00; Women's Associations, $43 35. The whole amount from the Sunday School, $21 00.
Value of Church Property—The Church lot and cash for Building Fund, $275 00.

[Bishop's Address, page 43.]

St. James' Mission, Pentwater, Oceana County. (1872.)

THE REV. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, MISSIONARY. (1872.)

Baptized—Infants, 2.
Communicants—Last reported, 16; admitted, 1; received, 1; total added, 2; removed, 4; present number, male, 4: females, 10; total 14
Marriages, 1; burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 40; week days, 2; total . . 42
Holy Communion—Public, 12.
Congregation—Families, 10; adults, 26; children, 20; total . 46
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 3; total 4
Pupils, male, 4; female, 8; total . . 12
Average attendance 10

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$175 00	
By the Sunday School, for the Sunday School .	5 00	
Total for Parochial Objects . . .		$180 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects		10 00
Total of Offerings		$190 00

Christ Church, Plainfield, Kent County. (1851.)

VACANT. REPORTED BY THE REV. M. MORRIS.

Baptized—Infants, 1.
Communicants—Male, 1; female, 2; total, ... 3

Plainfield is a name, the bare mention of which has for some time caused little pride, to say the least, in the hearts of Church people, both Clerical and Lay. Yet here we have a Church built. The place is deserted, and the Church building stands a lonely object on the landscape.

The question is, shall we allow this House of GOD, a consecrated Church, a Church within ten miles of Grand Rapids, to be unused, and go to decay and ruin? For the present it is some relief to know that a service is held here, with a sermon, once in four weeks.

[Bishop's Address, page 42.]

Trinity Mission, Plainwell, Allegan County. (1872.)

VACANT. REPORTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Confirmed, 1.
Communicants—Last reported, 9; admitted, 1; removed, 2; present number, male, 2; female, 6; total . . 8
Public Services—Sundays, 3; week days, 2; total . . 5
Congregation—Families, 11; adults, 40; children, 20; total . 60

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Incidental expenses	$ 6 68	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	274 16	
Last payment on Cabinet Organ	15 50	
Total of offerings		$296 34

The sources of the contributions reported above are, Individual Gifts, $281 50; Women's Association, $14 84. Total, $296 34. Of which $50 00 was given within the Mission.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $1,400 50; Other Property, $206 50. Total, $1,607 00.

[Bishop's Address, pages 39 and 43.]

St. Paul's Mission, Portland, Ionia County. (1872.)

THE REV. JOHN W. CLARK, OFFICIATING, BY DIRECTION OF THE BISHOP.

Baptized—Adults, 3. Confirmed, 9.
Communicants—Last reported, 12; total added, 13; died, 2: removed, 8; total lost, 10; total . . . 15
Marriages, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 2; week days, 12; total . . 14
Holy Communion—Public, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 5 06	
For general Parish expenses . . .	17 27	
Total of Offerings		$22 33

[Bishop's Address, Page, 44]

St. John's Mission, Quincy, Branch County. (1873.)

THE REV. HENRY SAFFORD, MISSIONARY.

Baptized—Infants, 3. Confirmed, 2.
Communicants—Present number, male, 2; female, 11; total . 13
Public Services—Sundays, 26; week days, 7; total, . . 31

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	$90 49	
Total of Offerings		$90 49

The Ladies connected with this Mission have raised some $420 towards the erection of a Church edifice. They have raised, also, a sufficient sum to pay for a Church lot, valued at the present time at not less than $300. It is hoped that the Mission will be sustained.

[Bishop's Address, page 40.]

Mission at Rockford, Kent County. (1874.)

THE REV. MOSELEY MORRIS, MISSIONARY.

Baptized—Infants, 2.
Communicants—Present number, male, 1; female, 8; total . . 9
Holy Communion—Public, 1.

Rockford is a place of about 800 inhabitants, and contains 4 houses of preaching. Here again we are indebted to our Congregational brethren, who have just completed a very neat and tasteful house of preaching. The

congregation at this place is exceedingly variable. We may have 100 persons present one Sunday, and one-half a dozen the next. We have gained lately by the removal to this place of an excellent family coming from one of our other Missions, so that they are not altogether lost to the Church.

[Bishop's Address, page 42.]

Mission at Sand Lake, Kent County. (1875.)

THE REV. MOSELEY MORRIS, MISSIONARY.

Baptized—Infants. 1.
Communicants—Present Number, male, 1; female, 3; total . . 4
Marriages, 1.

This Mission owes its existence to that earnest worker, the present Rector of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids. We hold full morning service in the school house once in four weeks. What we need most is a supply of Prayer Books. We had hoped to furnish these, but such is the demand for them at one of the other of the seven Missions, that we sold all we had.

[Bishop's Address, page 43.]

Trinity Church, Saranac, Ionia County. (1860.)

THE REV. LEWIS LORRE ROGERS, RECTOR. (1875.)

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 2; total, 7. Confirmed, 4.
Communicants—Last reported, 52; admitted, 4; received 8; total added, 7; removed, 3; dropped, 2; total lost, 5; present number, male, 14; female, 40; total . 54
Burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 51; week days, 19; total . . 70
Holy Communion—Public, 8.
Congregation—Families, 24; adults, 56; children, 24; total . 80
Catechising—Number of times 10
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 6; total 10
Pupils, male, 25; female, 30; total . . 55
Average attendance 42
Sunday School Library—Number of Volumes . . . 210

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 10 29	
The Sunday School, ...	2 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	174 48	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	4 00	
By the Sunday School, for books, papers, etc. . .	19 40	
Total for Parochial objects, . . .		$210 17

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention	$ 6 00	
Episcopate Fund, subscription,	95 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		101 00
Total of Offerings		$311 17

Value of Church Property—The Church, $4,000.

The present Rector began his labors in this Parish on the third Sunday in January, 1875, and has continued them regularly to the present. He has likewise held two services in Lowell, (including the Bishop's visit there). Saranac and Lowell might be easily connected, but will need Missionary appropriations. The Service will have to be discontinued here unless a stipend of $200 00 is given to the two places.

[Bishop's Address, page 43.]

All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, Allegan County. (1868.)

THE REV. J. RICE TAYLOR, RECTOR. (1868.)

Reported by the Secretary of the Vestry.

Communicants—Last reported, 31; admitted, 1; received, 1; total added, 2; removed, 1; present number, male, 11; female, 21; total	32
Marriages, 1; burials, 2.	
Public Services—Sundays,	60
Holy Communion—Public, 7.	
Catechising—Number of times	6
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 5; total	8
Pupils, male, 40; female, 45; total	85
Average attendance	46
Parish Library—Number of volumes,	225

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$330 00	
By the Sunday School, for current expenses	16 58	
Total for Parochial Objects		$346 58

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$20 00	
Assessment of the Convention	2 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		22 00
Total of Offerings,		$368 58

The sources of the contributions reported above are. Pew Rents, $200 00: Women's Associations, $130 00.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $4,000.

Owing to the absence of our Rector I am unable to give the amount of offerings for objects exterior to the Diocese.

[Bishop's Address, pages 40 and 44.]

Christ Church, St. Joseph, Berrien County. (1872.

THE REV. V. SPALDING, RECTOR. (1872.)

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 3; total, 6. Confirmed, 12.
Communicants—Last reported, 60; admitted, 5; received, 9; total added, 14; died, 2; removed, 21; total lost, 23; present number, males, 18; female, 33; total . 51
Marriages, 5; burials, 9.
Public Services—Sundays 86; week days, 29; total . . 115
Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 1.
Congregation—Families, 28; adults, 60; children, 10; total, . 70
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male 3; female, 5; total 8
Pupils, male, 18; female, 22; total . . 40
Average attendance 30
Parish Library—Number of Volumes 27

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 26 44	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	430 00	
Total for Parochial Objects		$456 44

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$25 00	
Assessment of the Convention, ...	5 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc. . . .	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects		35 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions	$5 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese . .		5 00
Total of Offerings		$496 44

Value of Church Property—$480 00.

Besides the services in the Parish, stated in the foregoing Report, the Rector has held services in other places as follows: At Three Rivers, 8; at Bay City, 2; at Saginaw City, 2; at Hagar, in Berrien county, 1. Total, 13.

[Bishop's Address, page 40.]

St. John's Mission, Sturgis, St. Joseph County. (1873.)

THE REV. W. FORGUS, (DIOCESE OF INDIANA,) MISSIONARY.

Baptized—Adults, 5.
Communicants, 9; families, 17; adults and children, 54.
Sunday School,—Teachers, 4; Pupils, 20.

By your appointment I resumed services at Sturgis, on April 1st, and have since held alternate Sunday services. The Mission pledges $100 towards the support of the Missionary.

[Bishop's Address, page 40.]

Mission to the Swedes, Osceola County. (1870.)

VACANT. NO REPORT.

[Bishop's Address, page 42, second paragraph.]

Trinity Church, Three Rivers, St. Joseph County. (1863.)

THE REV. M. ERASTUS BUCK, RECTOR. (1874.)

Baptized—Infants, 8; adults, 7; total, 15. Confirmed, 16.
Communicants—Last reported, 85; admitted, 25; received, 7; total added, 32; died, 2; removed, 4; total lost, 6; present number, male, 22; female, 39; total, . 61
Marriages, 2; burials, 7.
Public Services—Sundays, 98; week days, 38; total . . . 136
Holy Communion—Public, 6.
Congregation—Families, 26; adults, 63; children, 34; total . 97
Catechising—Every Sunday.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 3; total 6
Pupils, male, 16; female, 18; total . . 34
Average attendance 24
Parish Library—Number of Volumes . . . . . 135.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 8 91	
The Sunday School, ...	4 24	
Parish Library	22 19	
Ladies' Aid Society, for interest on Church debt, .	170 00	
for Church bell, . .	58 15	
for furnishing Rector's rooms, .	107 80	
for Church music	20 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	828 29	
The increase and improvement of Church property	20 00	
By the Congregation on Easter Day, for the removal of Church debt	2,421 03	
By the Sunday School on Easter Day for Church debt	22 00	
By Bishop Gillespie on Easter Day for Church debt	10 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, . . .		$3,687 61

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions	$ 7 28	
Assessment of the Convention,	18 00	
Total for Diocesan objects		25 28
Total of Offerings,		$3,712 89

The heavy debt on the Church building that has been overshadowing the Parish for many years past, has been entirely lifted, the offering on Easter Day being sufficient to remove it altogether, and leave $250 to be used for the erection of a tower. This work will be pushed to a speedy completion, and the Church consecrated. The number of those who come regularly to the Holy Communion has been more than doubled in the past year, the services of the Church are better attended, and every thing indicates a healthy Spiritual growth.

[Bishop's Address, pages 40 and 45.]

Mission at Traverse City, Grand Traverse County. (1872.)

THE REV. ALBERT C. LEWIS, MISSIONARY.

Confirmed, 2.
Public Services—Sundays, 19; week days, 2; total . . 21
Holy Communion—Public, 3.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported) . .	$ 7 22

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, ...	10 00
Total	$17 22

Hope to get a Church here this year or next.

[Bishop's Address, Page, 44]

Grace Church, Union City, Branch County. (1864.)

VACANT. REPORTED BY THE WARDENS.

Confirmed, 2.
Communicants—Last reported, 25; admitted, 2; received, 1; total added, 3; died, 1; present number, . . 27
Burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays 51; week days, 5; of which, Lay Services, 52, Clerical, 4: total . . . 56
Holy Communion—Public, 1.
Congregation—Families, 16; adults, 46; children, 17; total . 63
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 3; total 4
Pupils, male, 10; female, 9; total. . . 19

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Repairs on Church and current expenses . . . $155 59

The sources of the contributions reported above are, The Offertory, $46 59; Subscriptions, $50 00; Women's Associations, $59 00. Total, $155 59.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $4.000.

[Bishop's Address, page 41.]

Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, Muskegon County. (1870.)

VACANT. NO REPORT.

"The Parish has been vacant for a year, and there is now a disposition to secure a Rector. There is a neat Church edifice, properly furnished. The adjoining towns of Whitehall and Montague have a population of about 2,000." [Bishop's "Notes of Visitations," in Our Dioceses.

[Bishop's Address, page 42.]

APPENDIX F.

List of Stations and Missions

Where Occasional or Regular Services are Held by the Missionary and Parochial Clergy of the Diocese.

Place.	Name of Mission or Chapel.	Clergymen.	References.
Cedar Springs		Rev. M. Morris	Report of the Mission
Charlotte	St. John's - -	J. L. Taylor	do do
Coopersville	St. Mark's - - -	M. Morris	do do
Eaton Rapids	St. Matthias' - -	J. L. Taylor	do do
Grand Rapids	Good Shepherd, Chapel	S. S. Chapin	do do
Howard City		S. H. Woodford	Bishop's Address, p. 42
Langston		do do	do do p. 43
Lowell	Holy Trinity - -	L. L. Rogers	Report Trinity, Saranac
Manistee		J. B. Prichard	Report of the Mission
Mount Pleasant		H. J. Brown, Jr	do do
Newaygo		M. Morris	do do
Pentwater	St. James' - - -	J. B. Prichard	do do
Plainwell	Trinity - - -	J. F Conover, C. A. Foster, W. Scott	do do
Portland	St Paul's - - -	J. W. Clark	do do
Quincy	St. John's - -	H. Safford	do do
Rockford		M. Morris	do do
Sand Lake		do do	do do
Sturgis	St. John's - - -	W. Forgus	do do
Swedes			Bishop's Address, p. 42
Traverse City		A. C. Lewis	Report of the Mission

APPENDIX G.

Reports

OF CLERGYMEN NOT IN CHARGE OF PARISHES.

Extract from Digest of the Canons of the General Convention.

TITLE I, CANON XV, SEC. I.

"Every Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional Services he may have performed; and if he has performed no such Services, the cause or reasons which have prevented the same."

THE REV. ISAIAH J. BABCOCK, DEACON, KALAMAZOO, KALAMAZOO COUNTY. (1849.)

I have preached and held Divine Service during the last year, ten times. Eight times in Mendon and twice at Leonidas.

THE REV. LUMAN FOOTE, CHARLOTTE, EATON COUNTY. (1840.)

No Report. Aged and disabled.

THE REV. CHARLES R. HUSON, COLDWATER, BRANCH COUNTY. (1871.)

During the past year I have officiated in St. Mark's Church, Coldwater, during the absence of a Rector five Sundays, had one adult baptism and one marriage. This is all the Clerical duty I have performed in the Western Diocese of Michigan. My regular Mission being at Allen, in the Old Diocese, where I officiate every second Sunday to a very live Congregation.

THE REV. JAMES SELKRIG, BRADLEY, ALLEGAN COUNTY. (1885.)

No Report. Aged and disabled.

[Bishop's Address, page 40.]

THE REV. ROBERT WOOD, IONIA, IONIA COUNTY. (1874.)

I would respectfully report having held about twenty Services, administering the Holy Communion four times, and attended one funeral.

APPENDIX H.

Statistics of the Diocese of Western Michigan,

For the Year ending May 26th, A. D., 1875.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CLERGY—	
Canonically resident (1 Bishop, 29 Presbyters, 1 Deacon,)	31
Clergymen connected with Parishes and Missionary Stations,	25
Clergymen temporarily disengaged,	2
Clergymen not performing Clerical duty,	3
CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS—	
Present number,	1
PARISHES—	
Whole number admitted into union with the Convention,	33
Supplied with full services,	18
Supplied in connection with another Parish or Station,	6
Having occasional services	2
Temporarily vacant,	6
Virtually extinct,	1
Receiving Missionary aid,	8
Missionary Stations—non-Parochial,	20
CHURCH EDIFICES—	
Number of Edifices,	29
Parishes without,	6
CONVENTION OF 1875—	
Clergy entitled to seats, 22; not entitled to seats, 8.	
Clergy entitled to seats present,	18
Clergy not entitled to seats present,	4
Clergy entitled to seats not present,	4
Clergy not entitled to seats not present,	4
Lay Delegates representing 18 Parishes,	33
Parishes not represented,	14
Parishes admitted,	1
EPISCOPAL ACTS—	
Parishes visited, 32; other places, 15; Parishes visited twice, 5; total visitations,	52
Confirmations in 23 Parishes and 8 Stations	231
Church consecrated,	1
Ordination, Priesthood,	1

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

REPORTS—	
Parishes reported, 32; Chapels, 1; Stations, 14,	47
Parishes not reported, 1; Stations not reported, 5,	6

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Clergymen, not in charge of Parishes, reporting	3
Clergymen, not in charge of Parishes, not reporting	2
CONGREGATIONS—	
Families reported in 31 Parishes and Stations	1,440
Adults and children in 28 Parishes and Stations	4,820
BAPTISMS—	
Adults in 25 Parishes and Stations	89
Infants in 37 Parishes and Stations	289
Total	378
CONFIRMED—	
In 31 Parishes and Stations	231
COMMUNICANTS—	
Last reported in 34 Parishes and Stations	2,554
Admitted in 26 Parishes and Stations	211
Received in 27 Parishes and Stations	168
Total added in 31 Parishes and Stations	394
Died in 14 Parishes and Stations	37
Removed from 29 Parishes and Stations	316
Dropped, etc., in 7 Parishes and Stations	78
Total lost in 31 Parishes and Stations	435
Present number in 46 Parishes and Stations—male, 622; female, 1,726; not designated, 278; total	2,626
MARRIAGES—	
In 27 Parishes and Stations	103
BURIALS—	
In 28 Parishes and Stations	186
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—	
Teachers in 34 Parishes and Stations—male, 105; female, 232; not designated, 9; total	346
Scholars in 34 Parishes and Stations—male, 836; female, 1,189; not designated, 263; total	2,288

SUMMARY OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH—		
In 39 Parishes and Stations		$52,189 91
FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE—		
Diocesan Missions in 23 Parishes and Stations, $1,203 33; Diocesan Assessment in 28 Parishes and Stations, $585; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund in 7 Parishes, $54 75; Episcopate Fund, subscribed in 22 Parishes and 1 Mission, $38,044 75; Other objects in 5 Parishes and 1 Chapel, $1,745 60. Total for Diocesan objects in 29 Parishes and 6 Missions		$41,633 43
FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE—		
Domestic Missions in 15 Parishes and Stations, $989 89; Foreign Missions in 11 Parishes and Stations, $229 75; Society for the Increase of the Ministry in 3 Parishes, $42 66; Nashotah, in 7 Parishes, $110 48; Home Missions to Colored People in 6 Parishes and Stations, $202 74; Indian Missions in 7 Parishes and Stations, $81 21; Other objects in 11 Parishes and Stations, $945 88. Total for objects exterior to the Diocese in 19 Parishes and Stations		$2,602 51
Total of Offerings		$96,425 85

Of this by 21 Sunday Schools, $1,177 07.

APPENDIX I.

Proposed Changes in the General Constitution.

To the Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

SIR:—In compliance with the requirements of Article 9 of the Constitution of the Church, I would hereby officially make known, through you, to the Diocesan Convention of Western Michigan, the following proposed changes in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, recommended by the General Convention of 1874, and to be finally acted upon by the General Convention of 1877, to-wit:

I. It was, by concurrent action of the two Houses of the General Convention of 1874,

RESOLVED, That it be recommended and proposed that the following alteration be made in Article 5 of the Constitution, to wit: Insert at the end of the Article the words:

"The General Convention may, upon the application of the Bishop and Convention of an organized Diocese, setting forth that the territory of the Diocese is too large for due episcopal supervision by the Bishop of such Diocese, set off a portion of such Diocesan territory, which shall thereupon be placed within, or constitute, a Missionary Jurisdiction, as the House of Bishops may determine."

II. It was further

RESOLVED, That the following be proposed and made known to the several Dioceses as an amendment to Article 8 of the Constitution, to be added at the end of the Article as it now stands, to wit, the words:

"PROVIDED, That the General Convention may by Canon arrange and set forth a shortened form of Morning and Evening Prayer, to be compiled wholly from the Book of Common Prayer."

III. It was further

RESOLVED, That the following be proposed as an amendment, by way of addition, to the 8th. Article of the Constitution, to wit:

"PROVIDED, however, That the General Convention shall have power, from time to time, to amend the Lectionary; but no act for this purpose shall be valid which is not voted for by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to seats in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies."

RESOLVED, second, That the Secretary of the House of Deputies cause the foregoing proposed amendment of the Constitution to be made known to the several Dioceses, according to the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

In testimony whereof, I have this day hereunto affixed my name,

WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY,

Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

GENEVA, N. Y., January 1, 1875.

APPENDIX J.

Communication

FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, MICH., June 16th, 1875.

REV. J. W. BANCROFT,

Secretary of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER:—I herewith officially communicate to you the action of the Diocese of Michigan, at the recent session of its Convention, held in St. Paul's Church, Flint, Wednesday and Thursday, June 9 and 10, regarding the Resolution of your Convention, submitted by you, and also regarding the Memorial presented by your Committee appointed under that Resolution.

(Copy of Minutes of the Convention.)

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Miscellaneous business being in order, the Secretary read a communication from the Secretary of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and also a Memorial from a Committee of that Diocese, as follows:

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On motion of Rev. J. W. Brown,

RESOLVED, That the papers from the Diocese of Western Michigan be referred to the President of the Standing Committee, the Treasurer of the Diocese, and the acting Treasurer of the Church Extension Committee.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Tellers having retired, the Rev. John A. Wilson, Chairman of the Special Committee on the Papers from the Diocese of Western Michigan, reported as follows:

RESOLVED, That the assessment made on the Parishes, now of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and unpaid, be, and they are hereby remit-

ted to the said Diocese; and that the Treasurer of the Diocese of Michigan be, and he is hereby authorized to credit the same to the Parishes reported unpaid.

RESOLVED, That this Convention concur in the action of the Joint Church Extension Committee in the support of Missions in the two Dioceses.

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to pay to the Treasurer of the Diocese of Western Michigan the sum of $3,000 out of the Funds reported to this Convention for Aged and Infirm Clergy and the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy.

Signed, JOHN A. WILSON,
PETER E. DEMILL,
J. H. KENNEDY,
Committee.

On motion of the Rev. George W. Wilson,

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Special Committee on the Papers from the Diocese of Western Michigan be made the special order of business at three o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour having arrived for the special order under the Resolution of the Rev. George W. Wilson, the Secretary read the report of the Special Committee on the Papers from the Diocese of Western Michigan, which, on motion, was submitted in Sections to the Convention.

The Rev. George W. Wilson moved that that portion of the first Resolution ending with the words "said Diocese" be adopted, and that the remainder of the Resolution be stricken out.

An amendment was moved, substituting the word "transferred" for the word "remitted," which being adopted the Resolution as amended was adopted.

On motion the second Resolution was adopted without change.

It being moved to adopt the third Resolution, after several amendments were moved and lost, it was finally moved to amend by substituting $1.500 for $3.000, which being adopted, the Resolution as amended was adopted.

Fraternally yours,

J. T. WEBSTER,
Secretary.

APPENDIX K.

Conyocations.

Counties marked * have no Parishes nor Missionaries.

Conyocation of Kalamazoo.

The following Counties: Allegan, 32,381; Barry, 22,051; Eaton, 26,907; Calhoun, 35,655; Kalamazoo, 32,284; Van Buren, 29,156; Berrien, 35,029; *Cass, 20,525; St. Joseph, 25,906; Branch, 25,726.

Total population, (Census of 1874,) 285,620.

Increase of population over Census of 1870, 71.

Number of Parishes, 17: of Missions, 5; of Clergy, 18.

Conyocation of Grand Rapids.

The following Counties: Ottawa, 29,929; Kent, 62,671; Ionia, 28,376; Montcalm, 20,815; Muskegon, 19,375; Oceana, 8,360; Newaygo, 8,758; Mecosta, 9,132; Isabella, 6,059; *Clare, 1,854; *Osceola, 6,216; *Lake, 1,813; Mason, 5,361; Manistee, 8,471; *Wexford, 3,011; *Missaukee, 606; *Kalkaska, 1,259; Grand Traverse, 5,349; *Benzie, 2,668; *Leelenaw, 5,031; Antrim, 3,240; *Charlevoix, 2,360; *Emmet, 1,272.

Total population, 241,481. Increase in 4 years, 54,467.

Number of Parishes, 16; of Missions, 15; of Clergy, 12.

CLERICAL CHANGES SINCE THE CONVENTION.

The Rev. HERBERT J. COOK, has become Rector of St. Mark's Church, Coldwater.

The Rev. JOSEPH S. LARGE, has become the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.

The Rev. SETH S. CHAPIN, has resigned the Rectorship of Grace Church, Grand Rapids, and accepted a re-election to the Rectorship of St. John's Church, St. Johns, in the Diocese of Michigan.

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Constitution and Canons

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

Adopted in the First Annual Convention, May 26 and 27, A. D., 1875.

Titles

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

ADOPTING THE GENERAL CONSTITUTION.

The Church in the Diocese of Western Michigan, being a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

There shall be a Convention of the Church in this Diocese on the Wednesday after the last Sunday in May, in each year, at ten o'clock, A. M., unless otherwise provided by a previous Convention, and at such place as shall in like manner be appointed. But if the place shall not be appointed by the preceeding Convention, it shall be determined by the Bishop of the Diocese, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee. The Bishop and the Standing Committee, (or the Standing Committee in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate,) shall have power to change the time and place of the meeting of the Convention, when circumstances render it necessary; Provided: That fifteen days' notice of such change be given. The Bishop, with such Clergymen and Lay Delegates as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; Provided: That in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or of the absence of the Bishop, such Clergymen and Lay Delegates as shall duly assemble, shall constitute a quorum; but in the latter case, only so far as to adjourn to the next day, at which time, if the Bishop be not present, the members shall elect a President pro tempore, from among the Presbyters present, and proceed to business.

ARTICLE III.

OF SPECIAL CONVENTIONS.

The Bishop, or if the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee, shall have power, when he, or they, may judge it requisite for the good of the Church, to call a special Convention; Provided; That not less than thirty days' notice be given of the same; such meeting to be holden where the authority calling it shall determine.

ARTICLE IV.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION.

The Bishop shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, and in case of a tie, shall give the casting vote. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or of the Bishop's inability to act, or of his necessary absence, the members shall elect a President pro tempore, from among the Presbyters present.

ARTICLE V.

OF THE OPENING SERVICES OF THE CONVENTION.

Every Convention, at its first morning session, shall be opened with The Morning Prayer, and there shall be a celebration of the Holy Communion. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to deliver his Annual Charge or Address, or to appoint one of the Clergy to preach at the opening of the Convention. If the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee shall make such appointment.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen, of Laymen who shall be communicants in a Church in union with the Convention of this Diocese, and of Lay Delegates from organized Missions; Provided: That in a vote by Parishes, the latter shall not vote. Every Clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, not under discipline, being a settled Minister of some Parish within this Diocese, or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructor in some College, Academy or Seminary of Learning, constituted by civil or ecclesiastical authority, or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the Army or Navy of the United States, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually and personally, as well as canonically, resident within the Diocese for the space of six calendar months before a meeting of the Convention, and has for the same period been employed in performing the duties of his station, or has been canonically instituted; Provided: That any Clergyman who has, for less than said period of six months, been personally and canonically a resident of this Diocese and in charge of a Parish, may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting in any Convention, be admitted to a seat,

and vote in such Convention; Provided: That no Clergyman who has not been for six months next preceding the Convention canonically resident in the Diocese, shall vote on the election of Bishop; Provided, also: that no Clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence with permission of the Bishop, or, if the Episcopate be vacant, of the Standing Committee, be deprived of such privilege.

Every Parish in the Diocese which has, or hereafter shall, by its charter or articles of association, expressly accede to the Constitution, Canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, may be admitted into union with this Convention, and shall be entitled to send to the Convention a Lay Delegate or Delegates, not exceeding three, to be chosen by the wardens and vestrymen of the Parish; a certificate of whose appointment, signed by one of the wardens, or by the Secretary of the vestry, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention; Provided: That no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate unless he be a stated worshiper and communicant in the Parish which he represents; and no person under process of ecclesiastical censure shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention.

No deputation from any Church shall be entitled to a vote at the same Convention at which the Church shall be admitted, but, if a majority of the members present agree, they may have a seat in said Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

OF THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION, AND OF VOTES.

The Clergy and Lay Delegates in Convention shall deliberate in one body, and shall vote as such, except when it is required otherwise by five members. In such case, the concurrence of both Orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure; and on every question the vote of a majority of those present, or, if required by five, the votes of a majority of those present of the two Orders respectively, shall decide; and in all questions, when required by five members, the vote shall be by Parishes, and each Parish shall have one vote. If a Parish is equally divided the vote shall be recorded in the negative.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Convention shall elect annually by ballot, a Standing Committee, to consist of four Presbyters and three Laymen, Communicants of the Church, who, when there is no Bishop; or he is incapable of acting, shall perform such duties, not peculiar to the Episcopate, as are in the Constitution and Canons assigned to the Bishop. The Standing Committee shall have authority to fill all vacancies that may occur during the recess of the Convention in their own body or in any Committee appointed to sit

in the recess of the Convention, and also in such other offices as are held by annual election.

ARTICLE IX.

OF THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

The election of a Bishop or Assistant Bishop shall be made in an Annual Convention, or in a special Convention called for the purpose at least sixty days before the time appointed, the object being stated by notice in writing, and sent by the Secretary of the Standing Committee to every Clergyman and Vestry in the Diocese; and such election shall require a a majority of the votes of the Clergymen and of the Lay Delegates entitled to seats in the Convention, voting by Parishes; Provided: That two-thirds of all the Clergy and two-thirds of all the Parishes entitled to vote be present; otherwise, two-thirds of the votes of the Clergymen and of the Parishes shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE SECRETARY, TREASURER AND REGISTRAR.

At each Annual Convention a Secretary (who shall be a member of the Convention,) and also a Treasurer and a Registrar shall be elected by ballot. Their duties shall be those required by the Canons, Resolutions and Rules of Order of the Convention, and they shall remain in office until their successors are chosen.

ARTICLE XI.

OF ALTERING THE CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be altered in the following manner only: The proposed alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Annual Convention, and if approved by a majority of each Order, shall lie over to the next Annual Convention, and if then approved by a majority of each Order, the Constitution shall stand altered or amended as proposed.

CANONS.

CANON I.

OF A LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE.

SECTION 1. On or before the day of meeting of the Convention, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, shall cause to be prepared a list of all Ministers canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or Parishes, or stations as Missionaries, or of the institutions of learning duly incorporated in which they are engaged; but no Clergyman while suspended from the Ministry shall have a place on such list. The list thus made shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of the Clerical members called therefrom. The same shall be prefixed to the Journal, and sent to the Secretary of the General Convention.

SEC. 2 It shall be in the power of the Convention to revise and correct this list, in accordance with the Constitution and Canons.

SEC. 3. Notice of the meeting of any Convention shall be given by the Secretary in a written or printed letter, transmitted by mail at the expense of the Convention to every Clergyman in the Diocese and to the Wardens in every vacant Parish, at least one month before the time of meeting. This letter shall contain a notice of the time and place of holding the Convention, extracts from the Constitution relating to the appointment of Lay Delegates, and a form of certificate of their election.

Whenever, under the provisions of the Constitution, a special Convention is called for any particular purpose, it shall be the duty of Secretary, in the notice thereof, to specify such purpose.

CANON II.

OF THE OPENING OF THE CONVENTION, AND THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. Each session of the Convention shall be opened with

prayer, the morning session with the Daily Morning Prayer. On the first day, the order of business shall be as follows:

1st. The President having taken the chair, the Convention shall be called to order, and the Secretary of the preceding Convention (or in his absence the Secretary pro tem., to be elected viva voce,) shall call over the names of Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention, and shall enter in the Journal the names of those who are present.

2d. The names of the Parishes entitled to representation shall be called, and the Lay Delegates from each shall present their certificates of election, which shall be referred to a committee of two Clergymen to report thereon.

3d. On the acceptance of their report, the roll of the Lay Delegates elected shall be called, and the President shall declare the Convention organized.

4th. Irregular and defective certificates shall be reported to the Convention, which shall decide on the admission of the delegates therein named.

5th. A Secretary shall be elected, who may appoint an assistant, subject to the approval of the Convention.

6th. If the Treasurer of the Convention be absent, a Treasurer pro tem., shall be elected viva voce.

7th. The President shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

On the Admission of Churches into Union with the Convention—Consisting of two Clergymen and one Layman.

On the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention—Consisting of three Laymen.

On the Report of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund—Consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen.

On the Report of the Accounts of the Board of Missions—Consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen.

On Unfinished Business—Consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen.

On Christian Education—Consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen.

On Canons—Consisting of two Clergymen and two Laymen.

On Church Literature—Consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen.

8th. The Parochial Reports shall then be presented to the Bishop.

9th. The Bishop's Address shall then be in order.

10th. The Reports of the Standing Committee, the Board of Missions, the Treasurer of the Convention, the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, and the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, shall then be presented and referred to the appropriate Committees.

11th. Miscellaneous business.

SEC. 2. On the second and each subsequent day, the order of business shall be as follows:

1. The roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates called.

2. Reading the Minutes of the previous day.
3. Report of the Standing Committees in their order in Rule 7th.
4. Elections.
5. Reports of Special Committees.
6. Miscellaneous Business.

SEC. 3. The elections of Treasurer of the Convention, Registrar of the Diocese, Standing Committee, Board of Missions, Trustees and Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, Deputies to the General Convention, and Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, shall be by ballot and in this order: For each election the President shall appoint Tellers, who shall receive and count the votes, and report the result to the President, who shall declare it to the Convention before the next election shall be entered upon. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an election. If the Convention shall be able to finish its business in one day, these elections may take place after all the other business shall have been transacted.

CANON III.

OF THE ADMISSION OF A CHURCH INTO UNION WITH THE CHURCH IN THIS DIOCESE.

SECTION 1. To entitle a Parish to admission hereafter into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, it is required that there be submitted to the Convention of the same, at the stated meeting:

1st. The articles of agreement by which they have become incorporated, duly acknowledged with a certificate of the recording thereof, or a copy certified by the Clerk of the County, as of record.

2d. Evidence of the organization under said articles, to the satisfaction of the Convention.

3d. A certificate from the Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from a majority of the Standing Committee, that notice was given to him, or them, at least one month before the Convention, and of his, or their, approval of the incorporation of such Parish.

SEC. 2. Whenever hereafter any Parish in union with this Convention shall neglect, for three years in succession, to make a Parochial Report, no Missionary Report being made on its behalf, and shall not during the same period, have employed a Clergyman as its Parish Minister, such Parish shall be regarded as having forfeited its connection with the Convention, and shall no longer have a right to send a delegation to the same. The Bishop shall report such Parish to the Convention in his Annual Address.

Such Parish, however, may be re-admitted upon application to the Convention, accompanied by a report of its condition, and on such terms as shall appear just; such re-admission to take effect from and after the rising of the Convention consenting to such admission.

SEC. 3. No Parish shall be admitted to representation of any kind in the Convention, which has not paid in full the last two assessments due from it to the Treasury of the Diocese.

CANON IV.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. At the first meeting of the Standing Committee, which shall be on the day of their election, they shall choose one of their Clerical members to be President, and another of their members to be Secretary. At all meetings, a majority of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Committee to keep a faithful record of all their proceedings, in a book provided for that purpose, and report such proceedings to the Convention, at its annual meeting; to preserve the original of all papers and letters addressed to the Committee; to attest their acts, and to deliver to his successor all books and papers which, in virtue of his office, may have been committed to him. The minutes of the Committee, and all papers in their hands relative to the Church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop, and of the Convention.

CANON V.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. The duties of the Secretary of the Convention shall be to take minutes of its proceedings, which shall be copied in a book kept for that purpose, to preserve the journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention which may be in his possession. He shall also transmit copies of the Journal of the Convention to the Clergymen and Parishes in the Diocese, one of which it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Vestry of each Parish to preserve with the Parish records.

SEC. 2. Any expense incurred by a compliance with the foregoing sections, shall be paid out of the Diocesan Fund.

CANON VI.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and manage all funds which may at any time belong to the Convention, and to lay before the Convention an annual statement of all such funds.

CANON VII.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE REGISTRAR.

SECTION 1. The duties of the Registrar shall be to receive and safely keep all books, documents and manuscripts belonging to the Diocese and not required to be kept by any other person or officer. He shall also collect and preserve such materials as can be obtained relative to the history of the Diocese, and of particular Parishes, and shall catalogue and classify all books, documents and papers, so as to make their contents accessible for reference.

SEC. 2. He shall also keep a book containing a record of all conse-

crations of Churches, of all ordinations, of all sentences and acts of deposition for offences in the Diocese, of all admissions and dismissals of Clergy into or from the Diocese, and of all deaths of Clergy belonging thereto.

SEC. 3. He shall annually report to the Convention, showing, with such details as may seem expedient, the condition of the collections in his hands, and the additions made to them from time to time, with such suggestions as he may deem proper, concerning the preservation, arrangement and increase, and concerning the best method of securing to the Church a knowledge of all matters of importance contained therein.

CANON VIII.

OF PARISH REGISTERS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

SECTION 1. In every congregation the Church wardens shall provide a proper book in which the Minister, or if the Parish be vacant, one of the Wardens, shall record the name and date of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors; the name of the adult baptized, and the name or names of the witness or witnesses: the names of the persons confirmed; of persons married, and of witnesses to marriages; together with a list of all the communicants in the Parish, with the date of every event recorded, all of which shall be under the signature of the person recording. From this register there shall annually be presented to the Bishop, on or before the first day of the Convention by the Minister, or if there be no Minister, by one of the Wardens, an accurate statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals and persons confirmed and admitted to the Holy Communion, and the number of communicants, since the last report; also of the number of the pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday School instruction in the Parish; also the value of the Church property, the current expenses of the Parish, and all other moneys raised for purposes in or outside of the Parish, during the past year, and the indebtedness of the Parish; together with such other particulars as may throw light on the condition of the Parish, as shall be prescribed by the form of parochial reports issued by order of the Bishop.

CANON IX.

OF THE VESTRY.

SECTION, 1. In every Church in this Diocese, after morning service, there shall be an annual election, on Easter Monday or Tuesday of a vestry, consisting of not less than five, nor more than ten members, who shall continue in office till their successors are appointed. Two of these vestrymen, who shall be communicants, shall be appointed to serve as wardens. In the absence of the Rector, the vestry shall elect one of the wardens to preside at the meeting, but if neither be present, one of their own number. The vestry, at their first meeting shall elect a Secretary and Treasurer, to continue in office until their successors be appointed, or they be removed by the vestry. The Secretary shall note and record, in a book provided for that purpose, the minutes of their proceedings, attest

the public acts of the vestry, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, and perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and documents belonging to the Parish that may be in his possession. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected by the vestry, and pay the same to the order of one of the wardens.

SEC. 2. In electing a vestry at the first organization of a Parish, no person shall be entitled to a vote who has not signed the articles of Parochial Association; or a declaration in writing, to be kept in a book of minutes, whereby he shall signify his intention of attaching himself to said Church, and accepting the terms of such articles. And at all subsequent elections, the right of voting shall be confined to the persons who become actually entitled to vote at the first meeting, and to such other male persons of full age as have during the year previous been stated worshippers in such Church, and owned or rented a seat therein, or been stated contributors to its support.

SEC. 3. No person shall be elected vestryman who is not a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected.

SEC. 4. If any vestryman shall be guilty of scandalous or immoral conduct, or shall be notoriously immoral in his general character, the vestry shall have the power, on being satisfied of his guilt, to expel him, provided always that at least two-thirds concur in such expulsion, and that the person expelled shall have a right to appeal to the Bishop.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the vestry to take charge of the property of the Church, to regulate all its temporal concerns, to elect and call a Minister and provide for his maintenance, to keep order in the Church during the celebration of Divine worship, and in general to act as helpers to the Minister in whatever is appropriate for Laymen, for the furtherance of the Gospel; it being understood always, that the spiritual concerns of the Church are under the exclusive direction of the Minister, in subordination to the ecclesiastical authority and laws of the Diocese.

It shall be the duty of the wardens, especially, to provide the elements for the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister, to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by Lay-reading, as circumstances permit.

(This Canon only to apply to those Parishes that are now incorporated so far as it does not interfere with the provisions of their charters.)

CANON X.

OF CLERICAL SETTLEMENT AND REMOVAL, AND OF VACANT CHURCHES.

SECTION 1. On the election of a Minister to any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, notice of the same.

SEC. 2. Whenever a Church becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

Sec. 3. The Bishop may appoint those of the Clergy in the Diocese who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant Parishes at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper. It shall be the duty of such vacant Churches thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incidental to such occasional services.

CANON XI.

OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Section 1. At the Annual Convention next preceding any stated General Convention, there shall be elected, by ballot four Clergymen out of the Presbyters entitled to seats in the Convention, and who have parochial charges, and four Laymen, who shall be communicants in some Church in union with the Diocese, to act as Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention, which Deputies shall continue in office for the term of three years. And it shall be the duty of the Deputies elect, to signify to the Bishop, on some day at least three weeks before the meeting of the General Convention, whether they will attend or not to the duties of their office; in default of which signification, or in the case of the declining of any to attend the General Convention, the Standing Committee, on notification from the Bishop, shall proceed to appoint as many Clerical or Lay Deputies as may be necessary to constitute a full representation of the Diocese, and the person or persons so delegated, being furnished with a certificate of the Secretary of the Standing Committee, shall have all the rights of Deputies elected by the Convention. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the notification on the part of the Deputies elect, as above required, shall be made to the President of the Standing Committee. If any Deputies, as above, shall fail to attend the General Convention, the Bishop, with the concurrence of such delegates as may be present, may appoint, to fill the vacancies, such persons as are entitled to a seat in the Convention of this Diocese.

CANON XII.

OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

Section 1. A Treasurer and two Trustees, who shall be Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, shall be elected annually by the Convention, to whom shall be intrusted the care and management of the Fund now provided, together with that which may hereafter be contributed, and any accumulations upon the investment thereof, for the support of the Bishop of the Diocese.

Sec. 2. The income of the Fund, equal to the designated amount of the Bishop's salary, shall be paid by the Treasurer to the Bishop, quarterly; and to provide for any deficiency in said income, the Treasurer of the said Fund, together with the Lay members of the Standing Committee and the Treasurer of the Diocese shall annually assess upon the Parishes of the Diocese, at a uniform rate per cent. based upon the current expenses including Rector's salary, the full amount that may be needed for the salary of the Bishop.

SEC. 3. The principal of said Episcopal Fund shall be loaned by the Trustees, upon security of real estate, appraised at double the amount loaned thereon, exclusive of buildings, or, invested in Bonds of the United States or of this State, at their discretion; and they shall have power from time to time to change such investments. All securities and investments shall be taken or made in the name of said Trustees and their successors in office as Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

SEC. 4. A statement, exhibiting the condition of the said Fund and securities, shall be reported to each Annual Convention, signed by the Trustees or a majority of them.

CANON XIII.

OF AID FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, AND WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THE CLERGY.

SECTION 2. A fund shall be established to be known as "The Christmas Fund," to aid aged and infirm Clergymen, and widows and orphans of the Clergy of this Diocese. It is hereby made the duty of every Parish to make an annual offering for this Fund, on Christmas day, or the Sunday preceding or succeeding Christmas day.

The amount offered by each Parish shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese, who shall also be the Treasurer of this Fund; and if more money be raised than the present necessity requires, such surplus shall be safely invested by the Treasurer, under the advice of the Lay Members of the Standing Committee, and shall become a part of the permanent fund.

SEC. 2. All appropriations from this Fund shall be made by the Standing Committee, with the approval of the Bishop, under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Committee; but in no case shall the total appropriation exceed the aggregate of the offerings and income for the year next preceding.

SEC. 3. It is hereby made the duty of the Treasurer to transmit to each of the Clergy of the Diocese annually, within the first week of the Advent season—a printed copy of this Canon.

CANON XIV.

OF LAY READERS.

SECTION 1. No person shall be considered as authorized to officiate as a Lay-reader in this Diocese, without a written license from the Bishop, or, in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, from the Standing Committee; and Lay-readers shall, in all cases, conform to the provisions of Title I, Canon 9, Digest of the Canons of the General Convention.

CANON XV.

OF THE GENERAL FUND.

SECTION 1. In order to provide for a General Fund, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese and the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund with the Lay-members of the Standing Committee, to make an esti-

mate, as soon as may be conveniently done, after each annual session of the Diocesan Convention, of the amount of money that will be needed the ensuing year to meet the current expenses, and the expenses of the Convention, adding thereto the liabilities of the Diocese chargeable to said Fund, if there be any.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to assess the amount thus agreed upon, on the Parishes in union with the Convention at the rate of a uniform per cent. on "The current expenses of the Parish, (including the Rector's salary)"—not including any amount that may have been given to the Parish or its Minister by the Missionary Board of this Diocese, or by any other Missionary organization.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall notify each Parish of the quota thus assigned to it, and it shall be the duty of the Wardens and Vestry of each Parish to see that the amount thus due the Diocese shall be forwarded to the Treasurer in quarterly installments, one quarter of the amount being sent on the first days of August, of November, of February and of May, respectively.

SEC. 4. The apportionment of the quota above described shall be made on the last report from each Parish.

CANON XVI.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN, NOT BEING A BISHOP.

Whenever any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop thereof, shall become "liable to presentment and trial" under the provisions of any Canon of the General or Diocesan Convention, the mode of proceeding in this Diocese shall be as follows, viz:

SECTION 1. The trial shall be on a presentment in writing, addressed to the Bishop of the Diocese, specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances.

Such presentment may be made by the major part in number of the members of the vestry of any Church of which the accused is Minister, or by any three Presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, or as hereinafter mentioned. Whenever, from public rumor or otherwise, the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any Clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the Church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint five persons, of whom three at least shall be Presbyters, to examine the case; a majority of whom may make such examination; and if there is, in their opinion, sufficient ground for presentment, they shall present the Clergyman accordingly.

SEC. 2. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop, if the facts charged shall not appear to him to be such as constitute an offence, may dismiss it; or if it allege facts, some of which do and some of which do not constitute an offence, he may allow it in part, and dismiss the residue, or he may permit it to be amended.

When it shall be allowed in whole or in part the Bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of this Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused; who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop. And if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within the said thirty days, the Standing Committee shall select five; and the Presbyters so selected shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place (but always within this Diocese), as they shall think necessary.

SEC. 3. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting shall be served, at least thirty days before such meeting, on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment.

SEC. 4. If at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board of Presbyters, the whole number of five shall not attend, then those who do attend may adjourn from time to time, and if, after one adjournment or more, it shall appear to them improbable that the whole number will attend within a reasonable time, then those who do attend, not being less than three, shall constitute a Board and proceed to the trial; and a majority of them shall decide all questions.

SEC. 5. If a Clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, and shall not demur thereto, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence; and if he shall not confess them before the appointment of a Board for his trial, as before mentioned, he shall be considered as denying them.

SEC. 6. If a Clergyman presented, after having had due notice, shall not appear before the board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board may nevertheless proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see fit to adjourn till another day.

SEC. 7. When the Board proceed to the trial, they shall hear such evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witnesses respectively; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses, that they will testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, concerning the facts charged in the presentment. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SEC. 8. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him that any material witness can not be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint some Clergyman or Layman to act as commissioner to take the testimony of such witness.

And the party, applying as above, shall give to the other party at least five days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony; and if the person or persons on whom the notice shall be served, reside more than forty miles from the place of the examination, an additional day's notice, exclusive of Sunday, shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the commissioner, and enclosed under his seal and transmitted to the Board, and received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such commissioner may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

Sec. 9. The Board, after considering the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty or not guilty of such charges, respectively; and also stating the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be without delay delivered to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop who shall pronounce such sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same do not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board, and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more of the Clergy, to meet him at such time as may, in his opinion, be most convenient, in some Church to be designated by him, which shall, for that purpose, be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend, and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused; in which case a new Board of Presbyters shall be appointed, including none of those who sat upon the former trial, before which Board the proceedings shall be conducted as before provided.

Sec. 10. All notices and papers contemplated in this Canon may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written notice or paper delivered to the party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper.

Sec. 11. The defendant may have the privilege of appearing by counsel; in case of the exercise of which privilege, and not otherwise, those who present shall also have the like privilege.

CANON XVII.

OF CONVOCATIONS OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY.

Section 1. The Diocese shall be divided into two or more Convocations by the Bishop, and the Clergy within these Convocations, shall meet

quarterly at such times and places, as each Convocation may from time to time appoint. Each Parish and Missionary Station within the Convocation shall be entitled to one or more lay-delegates.

SEC. 2. The object of the Convocations shall be to promote a better acquaintance of the Clergy and Laity, to devise measures for mutual co-operation, to discuss and compare practical modes of Church work, and by united prayer to invoke the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit.

SEC. 3. The officers of the Convocation shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by the members of the Convocation. The Bishop of the Diocese, when present, shall preside.

SEC. 4. The government of Convocation shall be by regulations of their own, adopted from time to time by the majority of those attending. At each meeting a committee shall be appointed by the President who shall recommend Preachers and subjects for discussions at the next meeting.

SEC. 5. The Convocation shall make annual reports of their transactions, through their Secretaries, to the Bishop, to be presented to the Convention.

CANON XVIII.

OF THE MISSIONS OF THE DIOCESE.

The Church in this Diocese recognizes and acknowledges her responsibility in common with the whole Church to fulfil the mission of our Blessed Lord to preach the Gospel to every creature, and her special obligation to extend the Church throughout her jurisdiction in this Diocese, and in order to discharge these duties, enacts the following provisions:

SECTION 1. The members of the Church in this Diocese compose the Missionary Society thereof, and may meet at such time and place as the Bishop may appoint; but for all purposes of business in the work of Missions and Church extension, shall be represented by the Bishop, and the Clerical and Lay members in the Diocesan Convention.

SEC. 2. At each annual meeting of the Diocesan Convention five Clergymen and five Laymen shall be elected by ballot, who with the Bishop shall compose a Board to be called The Board of Missions of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

SEC. 3. The Board of Missions shall meet at such times as the Bishop shall appoint, or as the Board shall determine. The Bishop shall be, ex-officio, Chairman of the Board; but in his absence the Board shall elect one of their number to preside. They shall elect from their own number a Secretary and a Treasurer; adopt their own By-Laws and recommend stations; and in connection with the Bishop shall have the general charge and direction of the Missionary work of the Diocese; they shall also have power to raise, to receive, and to expend money in the purchase of Bibles, Prayer Books, Tracts, and such other books as may be required to carry on the Missionary Work of the Diocese in an effective manner; they shall also have power to raise and expend money to assist Postulants or Candi-

dates for Holy Orders studying under the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Minister of every Parish, Mission and Congregation in the Diocese to make a collection for Diocesan Missions once a month, or by stated pledge from the members of the Parish or Congregation, and remit the proceeds to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Diocese quarterly.

SEC. 5. The Board of Missions shall from time to time publish statements of their work, and make a full report to each annual Convention, which report shall contain the names of all the stations and missionaries, the annual receipts and expenditures, the names of congregations contributing, and a list of non-contributing congregations, if any, and any other matter calculated to promote the Missionary interests of the Diocese, and shall be entered in full upon the Journal.

SEC. 6. All moneys for Diocesan Missions shall be appropriated under the direction of the Board of Missions to pay such stipends and other expenses as they may designate for the Missionary work of the Diocese. After the second year a reduction of not less than ten per cent. in the sum appropriated to each mission or missionary shall be made annually, unless sufficient reason be given for a continuance of the full amount.

SEC. 7. The traveling expenses of Missionaries who may be members of the Board to the meetings of the Board shall be paid out of the Treasury of the Board whenever the funds are sufficient to warrant such expenditure.

SEC. 8. The Board shall confine its appropriations within the limits of such an amount as shall have been pledged by the Parishes, Missions and Congregations of the Diocese, unless there be a balance in the Treasury over and above all the engagements of the Board.

SEC. 9. The Bishop shall appoint a sub-committee of the Board of Missions consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen to be called "The Committee on Church Building," whose duty it shall be to raise a special fund to aid in the erection of new Churches in destitute places, and to apply the same as they may deem expedient, acting in conjunction with the Bishop.

CANON XIX.

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF MISSIONS.

SEC. 1. Any residents of any town, village or neighborhood in which there is no organized Parish, may make application to the Bishop to organize a Mission in and for such town, village or neighborhood, which application shall be in the following or similar form, viz:

"To the Right Reverend.....,.....

Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

We, the undersigned, residents of the.....of .....County of..... Diocese of Western Michigan, being desirous of obtaining the services of

the Protestant Episcopal Church, do hereby request you to provide them for us. For which benefits we do hereby agree to put ourselves under your charge, promising conformity to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of said Church, to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and to the rules regulating Missionary Stations in this Diocese. And in accordance with these rules, we are now desirous to be organized as a Mission, under the name of..... Mission.

Furthermore we hereby agree to pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Diocese, in four equal quarterly installments, the sum of at least.....dollars for the first year.

Respectfully, Your obedient servants."

This application should be signed by all the adults who purpose to be members of this Mission.

SEC. 2. (§ I.) If the Bishop consent to the organization of a Mission, he shall appoint, the following officers for the first year, and after that there shall be elected annually in Easter week, a Warden who shall be a male communicant, a Treasurer and a Clerk; and all members of the Mission shall vote, who are regular attendants upon the worship, and contributors to the support of the Mission.

(§ II.) It shall be the duty of the Warden to procure a room or house to be used as a place of public worship, and to see that the same be kept clean and in good order and repair, and that it be provided with all things necessary for conducting the services of the Church decently and in order. He shall also provide the bread and wine for the Holy Communion; take charge of the Communion service, the linen, books, etc., belonging to the Mission; and shall endeavor in the absence of the Missionary at any time, to keep up the regularity of the services.

(§ III.) The Warden shall be constituted delegate ex-officio to the Convention to represent the order of Laity, and shall have the same privileges as delegates from Parishes. Provided, That in a vote by Parishes he shall not be allowed to vote.

(§ IV.) It shall be the duty of the Clerk, or if no Clerk be appointed, of the Treasurer, to keep a record of events of importance to the Mission, and a list of the families and members, and in case the Missionary be non-resident, to have the custody of the Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, etc.; but not to make entries therein, except by the Missionary's request, or in his absence; and to attend to any correspondence required by or in the Mission. It shall also be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and place in the Offertory all moneys pledged by individuals for Missions, which have not been redeemed through the Offertory.

(§ V.) The Missionary on consultation with the officers, shall appoint the Sexton, Organist and Choir-Leader. But in case of vacancy in the Mission the right of such appointment shall rest with the officers previously named.

SEC. 3. (§ I.) Every person becoming a member of the Mission, is

expected to name a certain sum per week which he will contribute through the weekly or quarterly Offertory, to the Board of Missions, whether it be large or small, according as God hath blessed him

(§ II.) The weekly Offertory is to be established at the commencement of the Mission; not only as the easiest way of raising money and of dividing the expenses equitably among the people, but also as an act of worship, that the duty and habit of Christian giving may be practically inculcated.

(§ III.) At every Service, or at least once, when there are two Services on the same day, the offerings shall be gathered; and then the regular contributors shall place the amounts of the weekly pledges due from them in the alms basin in envelopes marked with their names. The Treasurer shall credit the givers with the amounts enclosed, and the Missionary shall quarterly, in the months of February, May, August and November, make report to the Board of Missions and remit the funds to the Treasurer of the Board.

(§ IV.) Money contributed outside of the envelopes shall be separately recorded and reported to the Board of Missions; and excepting such amounts as have been collected or given as Communion Alms or for other specified objects, they shall be appropriated: 1. To any deficiencies in the stipulated payment to the Board; 2. To the contingent expenses of the Mission; 3. To more thorough providing for the Mission, of Church Furniture, Prayer-books, Tracts, Sunday School requisites, &c., &c. In case of the dissolution of a Mission, all personal property belonging to the Mission shall be taken in custody and held in trust for the Diocese by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

SEC. 4. The title of real estate given to or purchased by the Mission for Church purposes, shall be conveyed to and vested in such Body as the Convention shall by Canon designate, to be held by such designated Body in trust until such time as the Mission shall become a duly organized Parish or longer, if the Parishioners shall so elect. But as real estate is often given or sold for Church purposes, so bound up with conditions as to be in effect of no value to the Church, but detrimental to its interests, therefore no gift or donation of real estate shall be accepted, or purchase made, for a Mission without the written consent of the Bishop, and the Committee on Church Building.

SEC. 5. Missions duly organized shall report to the Bishop annually, at the meeting of the Convention, through their Missionaries, or if there be none in charge, through their Warden or other officers.

SEC. 6. The failure of the members of a Mission to fulfill their stipulations, may warrant the Bishop in withdrawing the Missionary and dissolving the organization.

SEC. 7. (§ I.) The change from the "Mission" to the "Parish" may be made when the Station is provided with a Church building and is able to support a Rector without Missionary aid.

CANON XX.

OF ALTERATIONS IN THE CANONS, AND ADDITIONS THERETO.

SEC. 1. No proposition to alter or add to the Canons of this Diocese, shall be considered by the Convention, except at a stated meeting, and after one day's previous notice thereof, given in open Convention; nor (unless by unanimous consent) until it shall have been reported on by a Committee of at least two Clergymen and two Laymen. Nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the members present do not concur therein; but in such case, the same (unless negatived by a majority of the voters) shall lie over for consideration till the next annual meeting of the Convention.

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§ I. [1.] It is hereby required, that on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:

We, the Church Wardens (or, in case of an Assistant Minister, We, the Rector and Church Wardens), do certify to the Right Rev. (naming the Bishop), or to the Rev. (naming the President of the Standing Committee) that (naming the person) has been duly chosen Rector (or Assistant Minister, as the case may be) of (naming the Parish or Church.)

Which certificate shall be signed by the names of those who certify.

§ II. No Minister, removing from one Diocese or Missionary District to another, shall officiate as the Rector, stated Minister, or Assistant Minister of any Parish or Congregation of the Diocese or Missionary District to which he removes, until he shall have obtained from the ecclesiastical authority a certificate in the words following:

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TITLE II.—CANON XII.—GENERAL CONVENTION.—REGULATION RESPECTING THE LAITY.

§ II. A Communicant removing from one Parish to another shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or, if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a Communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive him or her as a Communicant until such letter be produced.

CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN—X.—OF VACANT CHURCHES.

§ II Whenever a Church becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

§ III. The Bishop may appoint those of the Clergy in the Diocese who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant Parishes, at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper. It shall be the duty of such vacant Churches thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incidental to such occasional service.

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Rev. JAMES F. CONOVER, Kalamazoo—For Foreign Missions.

Rev. JOSEPH W. BANCROFT, Hasting—For Home Missions to Colored People.

Rev. WALTER SCOTT, Allegan—For Indian Missions.

Mrs. S. L. FULLER, Grand Rapids—For Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

Messrs. T. P. SHELDON, F. A. GORHAM, N. P. LOVERIDGE, for promoting the circulation of Missionary Periodicals and Literature.

W. R. SHELBY, Secretary.

LOCAL SECRETARY FOR THE SOCIETY FOR THE INCREASE OF THE MINISTRY.

The Rev. HENRY B. WHITTEMORE, Marshall.

List of the Clergy

CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN,

MAY 31, A. D. 1876.

Those marked † not entitled to seats in the Convention.—*Constitution, Art. VI.*
Those marked * absent.

BISHOP.

The Right Reverend, George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese. (Consecrated February 24, A. D. 1875.) Residence, Grand Rapids.

PRESBYTERS.

Bancroft, Joseph W., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings.

Barker, Darius, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Paw Paw.

Beckwith, Sidney, Rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids.

Buck, Minerson E., Rector of Trinity Church, Three Rivers.

* † Coleman, John, P. O., Toledo, Ohio.

Conover, James F., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

Cook, Herbert J., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Coldwater.

Earp, Samuel, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

* † Foote, Luman, P. O., Charlotte.

* Foster, Colley A., LL.D., Missionary in the vicinity of Kalamazoo.

Ferguson, Lorenzo D., LL.D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Mendon.

* † Huson, Charles R., P. O., Coldwater.

† Knowlton, William H., Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids, and in charge of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

* Large, Joseph S., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.

Lewis, Albert C., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, and Missionary at Traverse City. P. O., Elk Rapids.

† McMurdy, Robert, D. D., LL.D., Rector of Trinity Church, Niles.

Morris, Moseley, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Courtland, and Christ Church, Plainfield, and Missionary at Sand Lake, Cedar Springs, Newaygo and Coopersville. P. O. Grand Rapids.

Peters, Gerret E., Rector of St. James' Church, Albion.

Prichard, Joseph B., Rector of Grace Church, Ludington, and Missionary at Pentwater. P. O., Ludington.

Rogers, Lewis L., Rector of Trinity Church, Saranac, and Missionary at Lowell. P. O., Saranac.

* Safford, Henry, Rector of Grace Church, Burr Oak, and Missionary at Quincy. P. O., Coldwater.

Scott, Walter, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan.

* † Selkrig, James, P. O., Bradley, Allegan County.

Spalding, V., Rector of Christ Church, St. Joseph.

Stowe, William, Rector of St. John's Church, Grand Haven.

Taylor, J. Rice, Rector of All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, and Grace Church, Holland. P. O., Saugatuck.

Taylor, John L., Missionary at Eaton Rapids and Charlotte. P. O., Eaton Rapids.

Whittemore, Henry B., Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall.

Wood, Robert, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall.

Woodford, Sidney H., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greenville.

DEACONS.

* † Babcock, Isaiah J., P. O., Kalamazoo.

† Matthias, William.

CLERGYMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN OFFICIATING IN THE DIOCESE.

The Rev. Levi H. Corson, in Christ Church, Homer.

The Rev. John W. Clark, at Grand Ledge.

SUMMARY.

Whole number canonically resident: 1 Bishop, 30 Presbyters, 2 Deacons	33
Number entitled to seats in this Convention	25
Of whom there were present	22
Number not entitled to seats	8
Of whom there were present	3

For Clerical changes since the Convention, see a list immediately preceding THE INDEX.

POSTULANTS.

John Frederick Nitschke, of St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo:
Admitted June 12, 1875. Cheshire Academy, Conn.

Horace Gates, of St. Paul's Church, Muskegon:
Admitted June 25, 1875. Nashotah Preparatory School.

Eugene J. Babcock, of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids:
Admitted Dec. 1, 1875. Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

CANDIDATES.

FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

Charles Taylor Wood, of the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall:
Admitted Aug. 7, 1873. Racine College, Racine, Wis.

William Matthias, late "an ordained Minister of the Methodist Denomination," of Trinity Church, Niles: Admitted Sept. 2, 1875, under the charge of Rev. John Coleman. Ordained Deacon.

FOR PRIEST'S ORDERS.

Rev. William Matthias (Deacon), admitted March 26, 1876.

A List of Parishes

In Union with the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, in the Order of their Admission.

When Admitted.	Parish.	Place.		When Admitted.	Parish.	Place.	
	Trinity.	Niles.		1864	Emmanuel.	Hastings.	*d.*
1836	St. Mark's.	Grand Rapids.		1865	Grace.	Union City.	*a. d.*
1836	Trinity.	Marshall.		1866	St. John's.	Grand Haven.	
	St. Luke's.	Kalamazoo.		1867	St. Paul's.	Mendon.	*a. d.*
1840	St. James.	Albion.		1867	St. Paul's.	Muskegon.	
1841	Christ.	Homer		1868	Grace.	Burr Oak.	*b.*
1841	St. John's.	Ionia.	*a.*	1868	Grace.	Holland.	
1843	St. Thomas'.	Battle Creek.	*a.*	1869	All Saints'.	Saugatuck.	*d.*
	St. Mark's.	Coldwater.		1870	Redeemer.	Whitehall.	
1851	St. Mark's.	Paw Paw.	*c.*	1871	St. Paul's.	Elk Rapids.	*b.*
1851	Christ.	Plainfield.	*a.*	1872	Christ.	St. Joseph.	*b.*
1855	Grace.	Lyons.	*a. b.*	1872	St. Paul's.	Grand Rapids.	
	Good Shephe'd	Allegan.		1872	St. Paul's.	Greenville.	*d.*
	Trinity.	Saranac.		1873	St. Andrew's.	Big Rapids.	*d.*
1860	St. John's.	Kalamazoo.	*a. d.*	1873	Grace.	Ludington.	
	St. Paul's.	Courtland.	*a. b.*	1875	Grace.	Grand Rapids.	*c.*
1864	Trinity.	Three Rivers.	*d.*			Total,	33.

a. Has no Rector. *b.* Has no Church Edifice. *c.* Has a Church Room.
d. Church not Consecrated.

A LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE ORDER OF THEIR CANONICAL RESIDENCE.

O.—Ordained. T.—Transferred. For lack of exact dates, the order of names under each year may be incorrect. The list is open to correction and improvement.

1834.

The Rev. James Selkrig.

1840.

The Rev. Luman Foote.

1849.

The Rev. I. J. Babcock.
O. May 17, Kalamazoo.

1864.

The Rev. C. A. Foster, LL.D.
T. from Indiana.

1865.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft.
O. Sept. 19, Marshall.
O. May 22, 1867, Hastings.

1866.

The Rev. D. Barker.

1867.

The Rev. J. R. Taylor. T. from Ohio.

1868.

The Rev. S. Beckwith.

1869.

The Rev. J. B. Prichard.

1870.

The Rev. A. C. Lewis.
The Rev. G. E. Peters.
The Rev. H. Safford.
T. Dec. 10, from Illinois.
The Rev. M. Morris.
T. Dec. 16, from Wisconsin.
The Rev. S. Earp.
T. Dec. 26, from Pittsburgh.

1871.

The Rev. C. R. Huson.

1872.

The Rev. J. F. Conover.
O. Oct. 13, Kalamazoo.
The Rev. V. Spalding.

1873.

The Rev. J. L. Taylor.
The Rev. S. H. Woodford.

1874.

The Rev. W. Stowe,
The Rev. M. E. Buck.
O. May 24, Kalamazoo.
O. May 23, 1875, Three Rivers.
The Rev. Robert Wood.
O. April 15, 1858, Grand Rapids.
The Rev. H. B. Whittemore.
T. from Arkansas.
The Rev. J. Coleman.
T. from New Jersey.

1875.

The Rt. Rev. G. D. Gillespie, D. D.
Cons. Feb. 24, Grand Rapids.
The Rev. L. D. Ferguson, L.L D.
T. March 17, from Cent. Penn.
The Rev. L. L. Rogers.
T. April 2, from Michigan.
The Rev. W. Scott.
T. May 1, from Indiana.
The Rev. J. S. Large.
T. May 30, from Indiana.
The Rev. H. J. Cook.
T. June 10 from Cent. N. Y.

1876.

The Rev. W. H. Knowlton.
T. Jan. 14, from Minnesota.
The Rev. R. McMurdy, D. D., LL. D.
T. March 10, from Illinois.
The Rev. W. Matthias.
O. March 26, Coldwater.

The Convocation of Kalamazoo.

COUNTIES.	POPULATION†	PLACES.
Allegan.	32,381	*ALLEGAN.
		SAUGATUCK.
		Plainwell.
		Griswold Ind.
		Mission, Bradley.
		Wayland.
Barry.	22,051	HASTINGS.
Berrien.	35,029	NILES.
		ST. JOSEPH.
		Benton Harbor.
Branch.	25,726	COLDWATER.
		UNION CITY.
		Quincy.
Calhoun.	35,655	MARSHALL.
		BATTLE CREEK.
		ALBION.
		HOMER.
Cass.	20,525	Edwardsburg.
		Cassopolis.
Eaton.	26,907	*Charlotte.*
		Grand Ledge.
		Eaton Rapids.
Kalamazoo.	32,284	KALAMAZOO. (2 Parishes.)
		Augusta.
		Galesburg.
		Schoolcraft.
St. Joseph.	25,906	THREE RIVERS.
		MENDON.
		BURR OAK.
		Sturgis.
		Constantine.
		Leonidas.
Van Buren.	29,156	PAW PAW.
		Decatur.
		South Haven.
		Lawrence.
	285,620	

10 Counties; 17 Parishes; 6 Missions; 13 other places where services are occasionally held.

The Convocation of Grand Rapids.

COUNTIES.	POPULATION†	PLACES.
Antrim.	3,240	ELK RAPIDS.
Benzie	2,663	
Clare.	1,354	Clare.
		Farwell.
Charlevoix.	2,360	
Emmett.	1,272	Petoskey.
G'd Traverse	5,349	*Traverse City.*
Ionia.	28,376	IONIA.
		Portland.
		LYONS.
		SARANAC.
		Hubbardston.
Isabella.	6,059	Mount Pleasant.
Kalkaska.	1,259	
Kent.	62,671	GRAND RAPIDS, 3 Par., 1 *Chapel.*
		Lowell.
		Cedar Springs.
		Rockford.
		Sand Lake.
		COURTLAND.
		PLAINFIELD.
Lake.	1,813	
Leelenaw.	5,031	
Manistee.	8,471	Manistee.
Mason.	5,361	LUDINGTON.
Mecosta.	9,132	BIG RAPIDS.
Missaukee.	606	
Montcalm.	20,815	GREENVILLE.
		Howard City.
Muskegon.	19,375	WHITEHALL.
		MUSKEGON.
Newaygo.	8,758	*Newaygo.*
Oceana.	8,360	*Pentwater.*
Osceola.	6,216	Evart.
		Hersey.
Ottawa.	29,929	HOLLAND.
		GRAND HAVEN.
		Coopersville.
Wexford.	3,011	Clam Lake.
		Manton.
	241,481	

23 Counties; 16 Parishes; 10 Missions; 11 other places.

*Parishes in SMALL CAPS. Missions in *italic.* †Census of 1874.

Journal.

THE members of the Second Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan assembled in Trinity Church, Marshall, on Wednesday, May 31st, A. D. 1876, at ten o'clock A. M.

The Chair was taken by the Bishop, and the Convention came to order.

The names of the Clergy entitled to seats and votes in the Convention were called by the Secretary from the list furnished by the Bishop, and the following Clergymen were found to be present:

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.,

The Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft,	The Rev. Joseph B. Prichard,
The Rev. Darius Barker,	The Rev. Lewis L. Rogers,
The Rev. Sidney Beckwith,	The Rev. Walter Scott,
The Rev. Minerson E. Buck,	The Rev. V. Spalding,
The Rev. James F. Conover,	The Rev. William Stowe,
The Rev. Herbert J. Cook,	The Rev. J. Rice Taylor,
The Rev. Lorenzo D. Ferguson, LL. D.	The Rev. John L. Taylor,
The Rev. Albert C. Lewis,	The Rev. Henry B. Whittemore,
The Rev. Moseley Morris,	The Rev. Robert Wood,
The Rev. Gerret E. Peters,	The Rev. Sidney H. Woodford.

From the same list were called the names of Clergymen not canonically entitled to seats and votes in the Convention, and two were found to be present:

The Rev. William H. Knowlton, the Rev. Robert McMurdy, D. D., LL. D.

The list of Parishes in union with the Convention was called, and the Lay Delegates presented their certificates of election.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Lewis L. Rogers and the Rev. M. E. Buck a committee to examine the credentials of the Lay Delegates, and report thereon.

The Convention adjourned to 2:30 P. M., for the purpose of engaging in Divine Service.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Morning Prayer through the Psalter, which was the VIIIth Selection of Psalms, was said by the Rev. L. W. Applegate, of the Diocese of Michigan.

The Lessons, being Isaiah LXII. and Revelation III., were read by the Rev. William H. Knowlton.

The Nicene Creed and Prayers to the Litany, by the Rev. Herbert J. Cook.

The Litany, by the Rev. Robert McMurdy, D. D.

The Ante-Communion, by the Bishop, the Epistle being read by the Rev. Darius Barker.

The Bishop delivered a part of his Annual Address.

The Sentences of the Offertory were read by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Henry B. Whittemore.

The Prayer for the Church Militant, by the Rev. Lewis L. Rogers, and the Exhortations, by the Rev. V. Spalding.

From the Confession the Service was taken by the Bishop, assisted in the distribution of the elements to the Laity, by the Rev. Darius Barker and the Rev. Lewis L. Rogers, the Rev. J. Rice Taylor saying the Prayers of the Post-Communion.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 P. M.

After Prayers by the Bishop, the report of the Committee on the Credentials of the Lay Delegates was presented.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee respectfully reports that the certificates of election referred to its examination, are, with one exception, in due form, and the following persons are Canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, viz., from

*Albion	St. James' Church	Charles H. Daskam, George Barrey.
Allegan	Church of the Good Shepherd	Alanson Lilly.
Battle Creek	St. Thomas' Church	Charles F. Bock.
Coldwater	St. Mark's Church	Noah P. Loveridge.
Grand Rapids	St. Mark's Church	Peter R. L. Peirce, Frederick A. Gorham.
Grand Rapids	St. Paul's Memorial Church	Samuel T. Battle.
Grand Rapids	Grace Church	Charles B. Mosher.
Hastings	Emmanuel Church	Henry A. Goodyear, David G. Robinson, Marcus W. Riker.
Homer	Christ Church	Stephen A. Ladow, Cyrus Smith.
Kalamazoo	St. Luke's Church	Theodore P. Sheldon, Lebeus C. Chapin, David Fisher.
Marshall	Trinity Church	George Woodruff, Charles P. Dibble, John H. Montgomery.
Muskegon	St. Paul's Church	Alpheus G. Smith.
Niles	Trinity Church	Rufus W. Landon, James P. Howlet, Charles J. Sterling.
Paw Paw	St. Mark's Church	Frank E. Bitely.
Saugatuck	All Saints' Church	Pierce M. Abbey.
Three Rivers	Trinity Church	William W. Rea, Charles W. Hovey.
Union City	Grace Church	Hiram Crissey, Henry C. Mead.
Courtland	St. Paul's Church	Joseph Salkeld.

Your Committee further reports that one certificate contains only the name of the Parish, Church of the Redeemer, and not the name of the town in which it is.

Respectfully submitted. LEWIS L. ROGERS,
M. ERASTUS BUCK.

The report was accepted.

The defective certificate from the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, was allowed.

The roll of Lay Delegates was called, and 18 Parishes were found to be represented by 29 Delegates. Two others were present at the next calling of the roll, making the entire number of Lay Delegates in attendance upon the Convention 31.

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*This list contains the names of those only who were present at the Convention.

Credentials were presented from the Parishes of St. Paul's, Mendon—Grace, Ludington—Christ, St. Joseph—St. Paul's, Greenville—Grace, Burr Oak—Redeemer, Whitehall; but no Delegates from them appeared in the Convention.

No Credentials were presented from these Parishes: St. Andrew's, Big Rapids—St. Paul's, Elk Rapids—St. John's, Grand Haven—Grace, Holland—St. John's, Ionia, St. John's, Kalamazoo—Grace, Lyons—Trinity, Saranac—Christ, Plainfield.

The Chair declared the Convention duly organized, and ready for business.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary. The Chair appointed the Rev. Albert C. Lewis and Mr. C. F. Bock, Tellers.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Ballots cast, 38. Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft has received 38 votes, and is elected.

ALBERT C. LEWIS,
CHAS. F. BOCK.

On motion of Mr. P. R. L. Peirce,

Resolved, That the Rules of Order found on pages 12, 13 and 14 of the Journal of the last Annual Convention, be adopted for the governance of this Convention, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. L. C. Chapin,

Resolved, That the Rev. W. H. Knowlton, Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids, having been more than six months in a Parochial Charge in this Diocese, but not six months Canonically resident, be and is hereby admitted to a seat in this Convention, under the 1st Proviso of the VIth Article of the Constitution.

Adopted by a unanimous vote.

On motion of the Rev. John L. Taylor,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Diocese not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen from other Dioceses, Candidates for Holy Orders, and Delegates from Missions not entitled to representation, who may be present, be invited to seats in this Convention.

Clergymen and Laymen having seats under the above resolution: The Rev. L. W. Applegate, the Rev. S. S. Chapin and the Rev. J. T. Webster, of the Diocese of Michigan; Mr. C. M. Atkins and Mr. H. S. McDonald, from St. John's Mission, Charlotte.

On motion of the Rev. Walter Scott,

Resolved, That the Rev. Robert McMurdy, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Niles, be admitted as a member of the Convention.

Unanimously adopted.

The Right Reverend, the Chairman, announced the following Standing Committees of the Convention:

1. *On the Admission of Churches into Union with this Convention*—Rev. Sidney H. Woodford, Rev. L. D. Ferguson, Mr. Charles F. Bock.

2. *On the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention*—Messrs. David Fisher, Charles W. Hovey, Charles B. Mosher.

3. *On the Report of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund*—Rev. William Stowe, Rev. John L. Taylor, Messrs. P. R. L. Peirce, T. P. Sheldon, J. H. Montgomery.

4. *On the Report and Accounts of the Board of Missions*—Rev. Robert Wood, Rev. Walter Scott, Messrs. Hiram Crissey, R. W. Landon and D. G. Robinson.

5. *On Unfinished Business*—Rev. Moseley Morris, Messrs. Joseph Salkeld and Samuel T. Battle.

6. *On Christian Education*—Revs. H. B. Whittemore, J. L. Taylor and G. E. Peters, Messrs. H. A. Goodyear and L. C. Chapin.

7. *On Canons*—Revs. J. F. Conover and William Stowe, Messrs. N. P. Loveridge and P. R. L. Peirce.

8. *On Christian Literature*—Revs. S. H. Woodford and H. J. Cook, Mr. Charles J. Sterling.

9. *On the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan*—Rev. G. E. Peters, Messrs. George Woodruff and N. P. Loveridge.

The Bishop then finished the delivery of his Annual Address,* after which he received the Parochial Reports.

The Annual Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese was read by the Rev. J. F. Conover.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western Michigan has held six meetings since the Annual Convention in May last.

May 27, 1875.—The Committee met in St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, and organized by electing Rev. William Stowe, President, and Rev. J. F. Conover, Secretary.

Sept. 2, 1875.—The Committee met in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, and recommended that Rev. William Matthias, late a Methodist Clergyman, be admitted as a candidate for Holy Orders in the Church. The Committee also gave consent to the Consecration of Rev. James H. Eccleston, D. D., Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Iowa. The resignation as Registrar, of Rev. S. S. Chapin, who had removed from the Diocese, was received, and the Committee appointed Rev. Sidney Beckwith to fill the vacancy.

Nov. 18, 1875.—The Committee met in the Parish Room of St. Mark's Church, Coldwater, and gave consent to the consecration of Rev. William

* See Appendix A.

E. McLaren, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Illinois, and Rev. John Henry Hobart Brown, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Fond Du Lac.

Feb. 24, 1876.—The Committee met in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids. Rev. Sidney H. Woodford was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Missions, caused by the resignation and removal from the Diocese of Rev. John W. Clark; and Rev. H. J. Cook to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation and removal from the Diocese of Rev. John Coleman. Dr. L. C. Chapin was elected to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Christian education caused by the death of James L. Glen. A communication was received from Grace Church, Holland, asking the consent of the Standing Committee to the mortgaging of the church building by the Vestry. Rev. Samuel Earp was appointed on behalf of the Committee to confer with the Rt. Reverend, the Bishop, the Vestry of Grace Church, Holland, and Rev. J. R. Taylor, Rector of the Church, upon the subject.

March 6, 1876.—The Committee met in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, and recommended the Ordination of William Matthias to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

May 31, 1876.—The Committee met in Trinity Church, Marshall. A letter from Rev. A. W. Snyder, resigning his place as a member of the Committee in consequence of his removal from the Diocese, was read and placed upon file. Rev. Mr. Earp reported that no action for the present be taken in the matter of Grace Church, Holland. Rev. I. J. Babcock, Deacon, having under Title II., Canon 6, Section 1, renounced the doctrine and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and declared this fact in a letter to the Committee, they certified the same to the Bishop as required by said Canon.

WM. STOWE, President.

J. F. CONOVER, Secretary.

The Board of Missions submitted their annual report, which was read by the Secretary of the Board, the Rev. Herbert J. Cook.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

THE RESOURCES FOR MISSIONARY WORK.

When a Bishop and the Board of Missions for the Diocese address themselves to their work of winning souls for the Master and of building up the weak places, a practical problem is presented for their solution, viz: "How shall we cover the most ground, and reach the largest number of souls with the ministrations of the Gospel?" This question, meeting them at the outset, can never be lost sight of. Whole townships, coun-

ties, and even larger tracts of country, without a single church, chapel or missionary station bring it ever to mind. Thousands of people, at our own doors, either untaught or mistaught in the way of life—practical heathen, many of them—call for more help and larger efforts. The encroachments of error and unbelief, the growing disrégard for the Lord's Day and for the means of grace generally, and the utter indifference of multitudes in rural and new districts toward the things that concern them most—all these, and other considerations, serve to keep the workers for Christ in this department of labor alive to the importance, the needs and the exigencies of this great work. Add to this the often repeated message from men already in the field, of meager salaries and these often in arrears, and the fact, that in spite of discouragements, hardships and self-denial, there are yet others who would enter the field and doubtless work successfully, if there were but the means to send them, and you can then appreciate, to some extent the exact situation of every missionary agency in the church. Most carefully then are we obliged to look at our resources. What are they?

1 Men. There are twelve missionaries in the Diocese, who draw a missionary stipend. This does not cover the whole ground, because some of these have other resources, or have charge of parishes from which they receive a salary, though in all cases a very small one. Most of the parish clergy, as appears from Convocation reports, do more or less voluntary work in connection with their regular cures, and outside of them. At the head of this staff of workers is our Diocesan, who is proud of the title, and shrinks from none of the labors of a missionary Bishop, though his name does not appear as such in the Church Almanac. The Diocese is, in fact, a Missionary Diocese, and there is room for many more preachers of the Word, if there were only the means to send them into the field.

(2.) This brings us to the other item under the head of Resources, the voluntary contributions, *the offerings of the people*.

All are familiar with the present system of pledges, which is, perhaps as good a system as can be devised. It has the obvious advantage of furnishing the Board of Missions with a definite basis, at the beginning of the year, on which to make their appropriations. It carries out, feebly it is true, the idea of setting apart a fixed sum on the part of parishes and individuals for the Lord's work. But how the whiteness of the harvest compares with the fewness of laborers and the paucity of means can be judged from the figures which we give below.

PLEDGES FOR 1875-6.

II. (1.) Notice in the first place that (2) two Parishes and Stations,

with an aggregate communicant list of (58) fifty-eight, pledged nothing for this important branch of missions.

(2.) Then the ratio per communicant is very unequal, ranging from 11 cents up to $2.38 each. After making due allowance for difference in means, it still remains true that a large, much the larger portion of the Church gives little or nothing towards building up the Redeemer's cause in our own Diocese. What can we expect from such persons in the great work of *evangelizing the world?*

RECAPITULATION.

III. I will read the table, carefully prepared by two clerical members of the Board, exhibiting the facts with reference to each Parish and Mission.

Table showing what proportion of the Missionary pledge of each Parish falls upon the individual Communicants of the Parish.

Name of Parish or Mission.	Communicants.	Pledge.	Am't for each Com.
Albion—St. James',	65	$10 00	$0 15
Allegan—Good Shepherd,	67	30 00	45
Battle Creek—St. Thomas',	75	18 00	24
Big Rapids—St. Andrew's,	54	15 00	28
Burr Oak—Grace,	10	-----	
Coldwater—St. Mark's,	114	40 00	35
Courtland Center—St. Paul's,	12	10 00	83
Elk Rapids—St. Paul's,	21	50 00	2 38
Grand Haven—St. John's,	87	10 00	11
Grand Rapids—St. Mark's,	559	500 00	89
Grand Rapids—Chap. Good Shepherd,	48	-----	--
Grand Rapids—St. Paul's Memorial	93	25 00	27
Grand Rapids—Grace,	53	25 00	47
Greenville—St. Paul's,	50	25 00	50
Hastings—Emmanuel,	69	60 00	87
Holland—Grace,	17	10 00	59
Homer—Christ,	21	2 00	10
Ionia—St. John's,	93	14 00	47
Kalamazoo—St. Luke's,	166	300 00	1 81
Kalamazoo—St. John's,	128	25 00	20
Ludington—Grace,	23	15 00	65
Marshall—Trinity,	160	125 00	78
Mendon—St. Paul's,	36	25 00	69
Muskegon—St. Paul's,	57	40 00	70
Niles—Trinity,	155	115 00	74
Portland—St. Paul's,	15	10 00	66
Paw Paw—St. Mark's,	29	5 00	17
Pentwater—Mission,	14	5 00	35
Saugatuck—All Saints',	32	15 00	47
Saranac—Trinity,	54	10 00	19
St. Joseph—Christ,	51	25 00	49
Three Rivers—Trinity,	61	20 00	33
Union City—Grace,	27	15 00	56
Traverse City—(Mission),	10	10 00	1 00
Charlotte—St. John's Mission,	14	5 00	36
Eaton Rapids—St. Matthias' (Miss)	14	5 00	36

ARGUMENTS FOR INCREASED PLEDGES.

IV. Reasons for increased pledges are not far to seek, especially when we view the field in the light of plain facts like those presented. Unbelief and misbelief are sure to thrive on unoccupied ground, and ground but partially cultivated. We have received a glorious inheritance, and it is only necessary that we do heartily and earnestly "the Church's work, in the Church's way," in order to secure abundant growth and fruitfulness. And this does not mean that a few individuals in a parish or mission are of necessity, to enlarge their pledges. Far from it. There are some persons, in all parts of the Diocese who give all they are able. The thing needed is, that every parish, every station, every individual should give something, and give it cheerfully, systematically and with promptness. How is it that the great Cathedrals, the hospitals and schools of the Roman obedience grow up and thrive? It is by the individual offerings which *must be given*, whatever else may be neglected. Householders, familiar with such things, know that it is no unfrequent occurrence for the Roman Catholic servant to carry to the priest fifty cents, a dollar, or even more at one time. It is often true, at the same time, that the protestant employer will give but *ten cents*, or other trifle, for the most important missionary work. Of course we may not inquire into the motives of others, but is not the doing of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ worth more than we make of it? Cannot the law of love be brought to bear on our hearts, so that we can give cheerfully thrice or four times what we do now? It must be left for *individual* souls to answer the question. There is work to be done; that work needs enlarging. Faithful men, who cannot live upon the airy nothings of small and unfulfilled pledges are waiting to be sent. Will the church send them?

RESULTS OF FALLING OFF.

V. If we need, as is certainly the case, an increase of offerings, of course we must not think of cutting down, in the least what we now give. The direct results of such a course would be to cripple work already undertaken, to embarrass and force the resignation of useful men, and to chill that intangible but most necessary element of any successful work, enthusiasm. The soldier who is sustained by the sympathy, the supplies and the patriotism of his country will do much better service than he who is neglected and treated as a mere hireling. The hardships of Valley Forge may sometimes be a necessity, but that would be a cruel government which would allow such sufferings when they might be remedied. But the Christian Church sometimes does no better than this by the soldier of the cross, in the wilderness, on the frontier, and in foreign lands. We must be *more in earnest* in this great work or we can expect

no blessing of heaven. Least of all should we cut off anything in the line of missionary work.

The sum now pledged is needed for the support of the present staff of missionaries.

If you will look over the reports carefully, it will be evident that not a dollar can be taken from our present corps of laborers. Their living is scant enough, and in several instances ought to be enlarged. If any are disposed to be skeptical here, they have only to face the question of how to make the ends meet, and support a family on thirty, forty or fifty dollars per month.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

VII. The Board of Missions, as at present constituted, consists of eleven members, six clerical and five laymen. There have been four meetings during the last year, previous to the session of the present convention, with the following attendance.

No. of Meetings.	Bishop.	Clergy.	Laymen.	Total.
First Meeting, - - - - -	1	4	1	6
Second Meeting, - - - - -	1	2	2	5
Third Meeting, - - - - -	1	3	3	7
Fourth Meeting, - - - - -	1	5	0	6

On one or two other occasions meetings were called, but no business transacted on account of the non-attendance of members, owing probably to distance and pressing engagements.

ATTENDANCE AT SEMI-ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

VIII. The Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Congress is well calculated to become a powerful auxiliary in the work of missions. These gatherings have been held during the past year at Coldwater, and in conjunction with the Diocese of Michigan, at Jackson. The topics discussed at both places are of vital importance, and much interest was developed. The attendance of clergy was good, but not so of the laity. As long as this continues, both in reference to lay delegates and the parishioners, where the meetings are held, much of the good they are intended to accomplish must be missed. The clergy are benefited it is true, particularly the younger among us. But the rank and file of the church cannot be benefited while they are absent: and thus, to a certain extent, the missionary meeting, lacking the inspiration of the full church, the hearty prayers and praises of "the great congregation," leaves the work where it was taken up. It is certainly the hope of the Board of Missions that the earnest and oft-repeated counsels of the Bishop of the Diocese, both in regard to the attendance upon Missionary Meetings and Convocations may not be lost upon our people.

ARCHITECTURAL BOOKS.

IX. It is proper for the Board to state that several valuable works on Church Architecture are in the hands of the Secretary. These books belong to the Diocese, and are for the use of building committees and others engaged in church building. It is hoped that additions will be made to the collection from time to time, and that thus something may be done towards the construction of substantial, beautiful and churchly edifices for the worship of God. It is becoming a recognized fact that even the cheapest buildings are not therefore necessarily ugly, inconvenient or uncomfortable.

A STEP IN ADVANCE.

X. It seems necessary for the Board to urge again the importance of an advance in our Diocesan Mission work. The visits and inquiries of the Bishop, as well as the observation of the clergy and laymen interested, show clearly that there are points where the church is loudly called for, and it is a practical question whether there is enough of devotion and earnestness in the Diocese to take up and carry forward this work. We are too easily satisfied. Instead of "forgetting the things that are behind," we allow ourselves to think of them over and over, and possibly to plan a reduction of our pledges. We magnify small successes instead of pressing on to the mighty possibilities of achievement. Brethren, is it not within the range of things attainable that some successful missions be founded and carried forward in the next Diocesan year?

MISSIONS THE ONLY HOPE OF CHURCH GROWTH.

XI. In conclusion the Board of Missions would ask every follower of Christ to make room in his mind and heart for this idea: *That Missions are the only hope for Church Growth.* Cut off missions abroad, and they sicken and die at home. Cut off domestic missions, and the Parish will decay and perish of dry rot. It is as though the heart should refuse to circulate its store of warm fresh blood to every part of the body. The result would be stagnation, disease and death. And God has made the law of Church Growth on a similar plan. If you will enlarge your business *first*, if you will educate your children, or do anything else *first*; if you will provide your own parish with an elegant church, chapel, rectory, choir, chime of bells, and all else you may fancy, *first*, then the cause of the Master must inevitably suffer, and the individual and parish will suffer also. Even in matters of value in themselves it may be said, "*He gave them their desire, and sent leanness withal into their soul.*"—Ps. cvi: 15. So a narrow parochial or personal selfishness, even if there be some willingness to "give," as it is called, at home, becomes an insuperable barrier in the way of a large and generous growth in the Christian

life. On the other hand, "*The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.*"—Prov. vi. 25.

If we would be prospered either in temporal or spiritual matters let us attend to this fundamental principle of prosperity. It is no device of man to wrest money from the pockets of the people, or to put their hands to the work of missions, but it is an inspired verse of eternal truth, and God Himself has spoken it. Jesus Christ was a missionary. The Apostles were missionaries, and every soul among us that would worthily bear the glorious name of christian, and would realize *in his own life* the prayer of the Bishop in the Confirmation Service, and daily increase in the Spirit of God, must be a missionary also. May God warm our cold hearts, and inspire us with a true love for missionary work, and lead us to give our personal interest, our money and our hearty co-operation in every effort that is made to enlarge and strengthen the Holy Catholic Church, both within our own borders and in foreign lands.

COLDWATER, May 18, 1876. H. J. COOK,
Secretary of the Board.

The Report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. P. R. L. Peirce,

Resolved, That the report just read be adopted as the sense of this Convention, and that the same be printed in the Journal, and published in "Our Dioceses."

On motion of Rev. S. H. Woodford,

Resolved, That the editor of "Our Dioceses" be requested to publish the report of the Secretary of the Board of Missions, and that 1,000 extra copies of "Our Dioceses" be purchased for general distribution, the expense to be paid out of the missionary fund of the Diocese.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions was read, at his request, by the Rev. H. J. Cook.

REPORT (CONDENSED.)

AMOUNTS Pledged and Paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions during the Conventional Year of 1875 and '76, by Parishes, Missions and Individuals.

FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE BOARD, FROM

St. James', Albion	$10 00	St. Luke's, Kalamazoo	$300 60
Good Shepherd, Allegan	30 00	St. John's, "	15 00
St. Andrew's, Big Rapids	15 00	" S. S., Kalamazoo	10 00
St. Mark's, Coldwater	50 00	Grace, Ludington	15 00
St. Paul's, Courtland	10 00	Trinity, Marshall	125 00
St. Matthias', Eaton Rapids	5 00	St. Paul's, Mendon	15 00
St. Paul's, Elk Rapids	50 00	" Muskegon	40 00
Mission at Traverse City	10 00	Trinity, Niles	115 00
St. John's, Grand Haven	10 00	Pentwater, Mission	5 00
St. Mark's, Grand Rapids	500 00	St. Mark's, Paw Paw	5 00
do balance of last year	200 00	Trinity, Saranac	10 00
St. Paul's, Grand Rapids	25 00	Christ, St. Joseph	25 00
Grace, " "	25 00	All Saints', Saugatuck	15 00
St. Paul's, Greenville (in part)	15 00	do bal. last year	3 00
Emmanuel, Hastings	60 00	Trinity, Three Rivers	20 00
Grace, Holland	10 00	Grace, Union City	15 00
St. John's, Ionia (in part)	16 00	Bishop Gillespie	50 00
do bal. of last year	1 25	Rev. John L. Taylor	5 00

FOR A GENERAL MISSIONARY.

From Trinity S. S., Marshall	10 00	A Marshall Churchman	10 00
From Trinity S. S., Niles	25 00	Mrs. H. B. Whittemore	10 00

Received from Unpledged Sources.

FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

Offerings at Convention, 1875	25 91	St. Thomas', Battle Creek	18 00
From the Diocese of Michigan	248 87	Missions of Rev. M. Morris	9 49
Bishop Gillespie, Special Fund	200 00	Christ, Homer	2 00
Rev. William Stowe	3 00	Rev. H. J. Cook, expenses given	2 76
Mission at Lowell	50	Ch. of the Redeemer, Whitehall	11 71
Sunday School, Grand Haven	2 25		

From Unpledged Sources for a General Missionary.

A Lady of St Mark's, Coldwater	$ 7 30
Sunday School of St. John's, Kalamazoo	11 84
Sunday School of Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids	20 00
Offertory at Services in Edwardsburg	6 25

SUMMARY.

From pledged sources for general objects	$1,830 25
" " " " a General Missionary	55 00
" unpledged sources for " "	45 30
" " " " general objects	524 49
Total Received by Treasurer	$2,455 13

EXPENDITURES.

To Rev. A. C. Lewis, stipend	$200 00
" " " traveling expenses	30 82
" J. R. Taylor, stipend	200 00
" V. Spalding, "	150 00
" D. Barker, "	37 50
" H. Safford, "	75 00
" J. B. Prichard, "	200 00
" L. L. Rogers, "	137 50
" R. Wood, "	125 00
" W. Forgus, "	75 00
" J. L. Taylor, "	250 00
" S. Beckwith, "	100 00
" M. Morris, "	100 00
" W. Stowe, donation	50 00
" J. Coleman, printing and other expenses	15 40
" H. J. Cook, postage for Board of Missions	2 76
Order of Bishop Gillespie on Special Fund	40 00
" " " on same to credit of Greenville pledge	5 00
Total payments of Treasurer	$1,703 98

CASH IN HANDS OF TREASURER.

Bishop Gillespie's Special Fund	$155 00	
For General Missionary	100 39	
For general objects of the Board	405 76	$661 15

UNPAID PLEDGES.

St. John's Mission, Charlotte	$ 5 00
St. Paul's Church, Greenville	10 00
St. John's Church, Ionia	28 00
" Sunday School, Ionia (for General Missionary)	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Mendon	10 00
Mission at Manistee	5 00
" Portland	10 00
St. John's Church, Kalamazoo	10 00
	$88 00

A. G. SMITH, Treasurer.

Accepted and referred.

The Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Fund for aged and infirm Clergy submitted his Annual Reports.

REPORT (CONDENSED) OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer,

In Account with the Diocese of Western Michigan.

From May 27, 1875, to May 31, 1876.				DR.
Cash balance from last year				$135 83
To cash received from	St. James' Church	Albion		14 20
" "	Church of the Good Shepherd	Allegan		11 08
" "	St. Paul's	Elk Rapids		6 21
" "	St. Mark's	Grand Rapids		90 00
" "	St. Paul's Memorial	" "		10 00
" "	Grace	" "		11 80
" "	Chapel of the Good Shepherd	" "		12 00
" "	Emmanuel	Hastings		25 78
" "	Grace	Holland		3 05
" "	Christ	Homer		5 73
" "	St. Luke's	Kalamazoo		55 44
" "	St. John's	"		13 00
" "	Trinity	Marshall		26 56
" "	St. Paul's	Muskegon		14 50
" "	St. Mark's	Paw Paw		2 00
" "	All Saints'	Saugatuck		3 30
" "	Christ	St. Joseph		11 10
" "	St. Paul's	Courtland		1 58
" "	Church of the Redeemer	Whitehall		1 00
" "	Trinity	Three Rivers		16 50
" "	St. Mark's Mission	Coopersville		74
				$471 40

1875.			CONTRA.	CR.
May 27th—By cash paid			P. E. DeMill	$ 22 50
"	"	"	Shakespeare & Rounds	1 90
"	"	"	for express	35
"	"	"	M'Kee	1 00
"	"	"	John H. Mitchell	2 75
"	"	"	to Rev. J. W. Bancroft	7 87
Augu. 31	"	"	Dennis & Holmes, printing Journal	168 00
Sept. 27	"	"	for printing circulars	3 00
Oct. 14—	"	"	Rev. J. W. Bancroft	23 38
" 16—	"	"	Secretary of State for certified copy of the Articles of Association, etc	2 35
" 24—	"	"	for printing Canon XIII	1 50
Nov. 26—	"	"	Rev. J. W. Bancroft	68
" 27	"	"	for envelopes and stamps	1 20
Dec. 5—	"	"	E. B. Smith & Co	28 75
Feb. 4, 1876—	"	"	for Books of Records for "The Association"	16 00
May 6—	"	"	for recording deed	1 75
" 16—	"	"	for stamps	1 00
				$283 98
May 31—			Cash on hand	187 42
				$471 40

DELINQUENT PARISHES.

St. John's Church,	Grand Haven		$18 45
St. Paul's "	Greenville		23 00
St. John's "	Ionia		24 00
" "	Kalamazoo		11 35
St. Paul's "	Mendon		20 00
			$96 80

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGY.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer.

In Account with the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen.

1875.			DR.
May 27.	To Balance of Cash on hand		$36 71
June 24.	Cash from Treasurer of the Diocese of Michigan		1,500 00
"	Discount on Trumbull mortgage		40 00
Dec. 25.	From St. Luke's Church,	Kalamazoo	28 93
" 28.	" Trinity Church,	Niles	17 00
" 30.	" St Paul's Church,	Muskegon	10 00
" 30.	" Good Shepherd Ch.	Allegan	4 20
" 30.	" St. John's Church,	Grand Haven	2 00
" 30.	" Christ Church,	St. Joseph	4 00
Jan. 3, '76.	" All Saints' Church,	Saugatuck	3 60
" 3.	" Grace Church,	Holland	2 00
" 3.	" Trinity Church,	Three Rivers	4 06
" 3.	" St. John's Church,	Ionia	5 42
" 3.	" St. Paul's Mission,	Portland	1 77
" 3.	" Emmanuel Church,	Hastings	9 50
" 3.	" St. John's Mission,	Charlotte	1 50
" 3.	" St. Matthias "	Eaton Rapids	2 00
" 6.	" Trinity Church,	Saranac	1 50
" 6.	" St. James Church,	Albion	1 70
" 20.	" St. Paul's Church,	Elk Rapids	7 09
" 20.	" St. Paul's Church,	Grand Rapids	3 00
" 22.	" Trinity Church,	Marshall	14 00
Mar. 1.	" St. Mark's Church,	Paw Paw	2 00
" 1.	Interest on Trumbull mortgage to February 13, 1876		70 00
			$1,771 98

1875.		CR.
June 24—Paid for mortgage purchased of	Wm. Trumbull	$1,000 00
Dec. 15— " " " "	Rev. A. C. Lewis	560 00
May 29, 1876—Cash on hand		211 98
		$1,771 98

Respectfully submitted. T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer.

The reports were accepted and referred.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund presented their Annual Report.

To Right Rev. GEORGE D. GILLESPIE, D. D.,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

The undersigned, "Trustees of the Episcopal Fund," as required by Canon, respectfully report. The Fund, at the date of the last report, amounted to $29,524.75; during the past year it has been increased $390.00, of which increase $135.00 was in cash and $255.00 in individual notes. The amount of the Fund at the present time, May 27, 1876, is $29.914.75, and consists of the following items:

Individual notes,	$21,264 18
Loans secured by mortgage on real estate,	6,650 00
Real estate,	1,400 00
Unsecured pledges,	90 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands, awaiting investment,	510 57
	$29,914 75

During the year cash payments amounting to $1,890.82 have been made in reduction of individual notes, and $20.00 in reduction of unsecured pledges.

Three loans have been made, secured by mortgage upon real estate, as follows:

October 30, 1875—loan	$300 00	
" " "	350 00	
January 6, 1876— "	1,000 00	$1,650 00

C. P. DIBBLE, F. A. GORHAM, } Trustees.

The report was accepted and referred.

The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund submitted his reports.

F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer, *In Account with Episcopal Fund.*

1875. DR.

May 25—To Balance Cash on hand, as per last report	$114 75
To Cash received on individual notes	1,890 82
" " unsecured pledges	20 00
" " for Episcopal Fund	135 00
	$2,160 57

1875. CR.

Dec. 25—By amount loaned on real estate security	$350 00
" " " " "	300 00
Jan. 6, 1876— " " " " "	1,000 00
By balance Cash on hand awaiting investment	510 57
	$2,160 57

GRAND RAPIDS, May 27, 1876.

F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer.

LIST OF SECURITIES IN HANDS OF TREASURER OF EPISCOPAL FUND.

1876.

May 27—Bond and mortgage—Loan to Emily Liberty and husband	$1,000 00	
Bond and mortgage—Loan to Albert A. Cope	1,000 00	
" " " Elnathan Close	1,000 00	
" " " Terrence McGee	2,000 00	
" " " W. Hart	350 00	
Notes " " W. B. Williams	300 00	
Bond " " T. Mulder	1,000 00	$6,650 00
Deed of lot at Ludington, donated by Jno. F. Tinkham	200 00	
Written agreement of H. G. Wells, Kalamazoo, to donate lots, valued	200 00	
Written agreement of Chas. E. Stuart, Kalamazoo, to donate lots valued	1,000 00	$1,400 00
Written pledges not secured by note or otherwise		90 00
Sundry individual notes		21,264 18
Cash awaiting investment		510 57
		$29,914 75

GRAND RAPIDS, May 27, 1876.

F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer.

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In Account with Income of Episcopal Fund, Diocese of Western Michigan.

1875.	DR.	
May 25—To Balance Cash on hand, as per last report		$307 35
To interest on notes		2,151 28
To interest on loans		339 33
To subscriptions to Bishop's salary		100 00
		$2,897 96

1875.	CR.	
Dec. 17—By amount paid for recording deed		$ 1 50
Mar. 10, 1876—By accrued interest paid on loans made		3 00
May 27—By amount paid to Right Rev. G. D. Gillespie		2,825 00
" cash on hand		68 46
		$2,897 96

GRAND RAPIDS, May 27, 1876.

F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer.

The reports of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund were accepted and referred.

Mr. Theodore P. Sheldon, Treasurer of the Diocese of Western Michigan, placed before the Convention the following

LETTER.

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, Dec. 21, 1875.

F. A. GORHAM, Esq., *Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:*

Dear Sir: On the 2d inst., my wife and I executed a full Warranty Deed to "The Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan" of a lot of land in this city fronting sixty-one feet on the south side of Fountain street, and extending south of that width one hundred and sixty-five feet, the west line of said lot being one hundred and thirty feet east of Barclay street. Also the perpetual use of a private alley twelve feet wide extending from Fountain street to John street, the west side of said alley being one hundred and ninety-one feet east of Barclay street.

The above described deed to be void, and of no effect, unless said Association commence in good faith the erection of a dwelling on said premises within four years from the 2d day of December, 1875, for the residence of the Bishop of said Diocese. Said deed to remain in my possession until said condition is complied with. If it is not complied with, then myself or my executor will destroy it.

Very Respectfully, GEORGE KENDALL.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Taylor,

Resolved, That the letter of Mr. George Kendall be referred to a special committee of three.

The Chair appointed as such committee, Messrs. F. A. Gorham, L. C. Chapin and C. P. Dibble.

The Registrar of the Diocese presented his

REPORT.

The Registrar respectfully reports the following books and documents in his possession:

1. Journals of the General Convention for the sessions of 1841, '44, '47, '50, '53, '56 and '59.

2. Journals of the Diocese of Michigan from 1834 to 1874, bound in six volumes.

3. Journals of the Diocese of Connecticut for the years 1792 to 1820, bound in one volume, and for 1839–41–43–44–45–46—47–48–49–50–51–53–54–55–56–57–59–60.

4. The Journals of Minnesota, North Carolina and Western New York for 1875.

5. Journals of the Primary and First Annual Conventions of Western Michigan.

6. The original call of the Primary Convention of the same.

7. The Testimonials of the Convention to the Rev. George DeNormandie Gillespie.

8. The address of the Bishop of this Diocese delivered at its First Annual Convention.

9. The address of the Right Rev. George D. Gillespie at the laying of the corner-stone of St. Mark's Church, Paw Paw.

10. Also a small collection of sermons, pamphlets and papers, received from different clergymen of the Diocese.

11. Minutes of the Ordination of one to the Diaconate, one to the Priesthood, of the Consecration of two Churches, of the admission of seven Presbyters into, and the dismissal of three from, this Diocese.

These minutes will be recorded as soon as a proper Record Book is obtained.

SIDNEY BECKWITH, Registrar.

The report was accepted.

The Report of the Convocation of Grand Rapids was read by its Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION, D. W. M.

The Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan would make the following report of the business of the past year:

Cash received, none.

Cash paid for recording deeds, $1.50.

*See Appendix F.

The blank deeds for the conveyance of property have been procured and are on hand. The following list of property is held for the Episcopal Fund: Lot No. 24 on Wells & Parker's Addition to the Village of Kalamazoo. Lot No. 1 in Block No. 4 of Stuart's Addition to Kalamazoo, lying west of track of Mich. L. S. R. R., and lots 2 and 3 in Block 4. Also the following deeds, contracts, etc., belonging to the Association for special purposes:

Policy of insurance on the Church at Eaton Rapids. Papers relating to tract of land at Tustin, Osceola Co., Mich. Deed from Joseph Berry and wife for a lot in Quincy, Mich. Contract for lot at Plainwell. Deed for Lot No. 11, Block No. 2, at Lowell, Mich. Papers relating to Indian Lands in Allegan Co. Also deed of Lot No. 6, Block No. 13, at Ludington, belonging to the Episcopal Fund.

T. P. SHELDON,
Treasurer of the Association, D. W. M.

Referred to Standing Committee on same.

By vote of the Association, the following report was adopted as its report to the Convention:

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

Read by Mr. P. R. L. Peirce.

To the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

The committee appointed this day, in pursuance of the following resolution—"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare for the Association, the report which its articles and by-laws require. * *" beg leave to submit the following:

As is well known to many, the "Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan" was formed in pursuance of action taken by the Diocesan Convention held in Kalamazoo, May 27, 1875, and was duly organized September 14, 1875, in St. Luke's, Kalamazoo, and steps taken to become a corporate body under an act of the Legislature of the State. Such act of incorporation has been perfected in all respects, the original papers to this end having been duly filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Lansing, and a duly certified copy is on file with the Secretary of the Convention. Therefore the Association is an accomplished fact, and a legal corporation, and is ready to receive, invest, through its trustees, and care for, any and all property which may be conveyed to it. As yet, being in its infancy, but little has been done in the way of collecting and putting under its legal protection the scattered property of the Diocese: but such matters as have so far received attention will be found

in the report of the Treasurer of the Association—which is herewith submitted and made a part and parcel of this report—which contains a statement of all the financial transactions during the past year, so far as seemed necessary at this time to place before you.

Respectfully submitted. T. P. SHELDON,
Dated May 30, 1876. P. R. L. PEIRCE.
C. P. DIBBLE.

Referred to a special committee consisting of the Rev. Gerret E. Peters and Messrs. George Woodruff and Noah P. Loveridge.

Rev. S. H. Woodford gave notice of a proposed amendment to Canon VIII.

On motion of Mr. P. R. L. Peirce,

Resolved, That William G. Cummins and Daniel E. Thomas, elected Delegates to this Convention from the newly organized Parish of St. John's Church, Sturgis, be invited to seats in, and sittings with this Convention, without vote.

On motion of the Rev. J. F. Conover,

Resolved, That the special order for this evening be the pledges of the various Parishes for the support of Diocesan Missions for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. P. R. L. Peirce,

Resolved, That the subject of the Swedish Colony at Tustin, Osceola Co., be referred to a special committee of two Laymen and two Clergymen to report the situation of said colony, with reference to this Diocese and its connection therewith, and any other matters touching said colony.

Committee appointed by the Chair: Revs. J. R. Taylor and Robert Wood, and Messrs. P. R. L. Peirce and T. P. Sheldon.

The Rev. J. L. Taylor gave notice of intention to move an amendment to Canon III.

On motion, adjourned.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

7½ O'CLOCK.

Convention re-assembled.

The Rev. J. T. Webster, Editor of "Our Dioceses," presented the claims of that paper for a more generous support by the Churchmen of this Diocese.

The Rev. L. W. Applegate, Rector of Latimer and Ridley Halls, Church Schools for boys and girls, at Fenton, Michigan, addressed the Convention upon the condition and prospects of these schools, and solicited patronage.

Mr. L. C. Chapin introduced the following

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Rectors and Missionaries of this Diocese be requested to read some portion of the report of the Board of Missions before their people, and urge them to a more liberal support of Diocesan Missions.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that each Parish and Mission of the Diocese ought to raise a sum at least equal to $1.00 per Communicant of the Parish or Mission.

Division called for.

The first resolution was adopted.

The Rev. R. McMurdy, D. D., moved a postponement of the second resolution to the next Convention.

The Rev. S. H. Woodford moved the indefinite postponement of the same. Lost.

Motion of Dr. McMurdy also lost by tie.

The resolution was withdrawn.

On motion of Rev. S. H. Woodford,

Resolved, That such portion of the Bishop's Address as relates to the "Provisions for the Payment of Diocesan Officers," be referred to a special committee of three.

Committee: Rev. R. McMurdy, D. D., Rev. W. H. Knowlton, and Mr. J. P. Howlet.

On motion of the Rev. M. E. Buck,

Resolved, That the next Annual Meeting of this Convention be held in Trinity Church, Niles.

The Convention proceeded with the Special Order, and the following pledges were made to the Board of Misions:

PLEDGES.

Albion, St. James'	$10 00	Traverse City, Mission (S. S.-15)	30 00
Allegan, Good Shepherd (S.S.-6)	36 00	Sturgis, "	10 00
Battle Creek, St. Thomas'	36 00	Manistee, "	10 00
Coldwater, St. Mark's (S. S.-10)	80 00	Coopersville, "	5 00
Courtland, St. Paul's	10 00	Newaygo, "	10 00
Elk Rapids, St. Paul's	37 00	Pentwater, "	5 00
Grand Rapids, St. Mark's	559 00	Eaton Rapids, "	10 00
" " St. Paul's (S.S. 10)	35 00	Mr. C. P. Dibble	40 00
" " Grace, (S. S.-5)	56 00	Mrs. H. B. Whittemore	10 00
Greenville, St. Paul's	15 00	A Lady of St. Luke's, Kalamazoo	5 00
Hastings, Emmanuel	60 00	Mr. N. P. Loveridge	20 00
Holland, Grace	10 00	Rev. H. J. Cook	5 00
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's	350 60	Rt. Rev. G. D. Gillespie	50 00
Ludington, Grace	20 00	Mrs. H. S. McDonald	5 00
Marshall, Trinity (S. S.-10)	135 00	Mr. C. M. Atkins	10 00
Muskegon, St Paul's	40 00	Rev. A. C. Lewis	8 50
Niles, Trinity	150 00	Rev. R. McMurdy, D. D.	17 75
Saranac, Trinity	10 00	A Layman of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids	500 00
Saugatuck, All Saints'	15 00	Conditioned for new work :	
Three Rivers, Trinity	15 00	Rev. William Stowe	5 00
Union City, Grace	10 00	Rev. S. H. Woodford	5 00
Whitehall, Redeemer	12 00	Mr. T. P. Sheldon	10 00
Grand Rapids, Good Shepherd, (S. S.-10)	35 00		
			$2,507 25

NOTE.—$6.00 of the $36.00 pledged from Allegan, is the pledge of the S. S. ; and so of the other parentheses in this table.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 1, 8 o'clock A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was commenced by the Rev. M. E. Buck, the Lessons were read by the Rev. Moseley Morris, the Creed and Prayers by the Rev. Albert C. Lewis, and the Service was closed by the Bishop.

Upon calling the roll, the Rev. William Matthias and Messrs. Henry C. Mead and Joseph Salkeld answered for the first time to their names.

The minutes of yesterday's Sessions were read and approved.

The Bishop announced the reception of the following telegram:

GALVESTON, Texas, May 31, 1876.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Marshall, Mich :

The Bishop and Convention of the Diocese of Texas send fraternal greetings. J. J. CLEMENS, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. P. R. L. Peirce,

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to acknowledge the courtesy just received from the Convention of the Diocese of Texas, and in reply thereto, to express our fraternal greetings to that Convention.

REPLY.

MARSHALL, Michigan, June 1, 1876.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Texas:

We are all one in Christ and His Church.—*Titus*, III., 15.

G. D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

The committee on the admission of Churches into union with this Convention reported that no business had been brought before them.

The Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, submitted their

REPORT.

The committee would respectfully report that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and find the same correct, as per his written statements and accounts.

DAVID FISHER,
C. W. HOVEY,
CHAS. B. MOSHER,
} Committee.

The Committee on Christian Education offered the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Christian Education have not been able to present any plan looking to the establishment of Church Schools. The importance of such is fully appreciated, but the demands for other church work are so urgent, that, at present, it does not seem advisable to press this; besides, this want is in a great measure provided for by private schools in the State, under churchly teachings and influence.

Therefore, in the absence of Diocesan Schools, we would recommend and call the attention of the Convention to these schools, until the Diocese shall be in a condition to establish and support its own.

H. B. WHITTEMORE,
G. E. PETERS,
J. L. TAYLOR,
H. A. GOODYEAR,
L. C. CHAPIN.

The other Standing Committees were unprepared to report.

Elections being in order, on motion of Rev. H. B. Whittemore,

Resolved, That the Special Committee on the Constitution and Canons now render their report.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

Your Committee propose the following amendments: That Article VI of the Constitution be amended in the 18th line of the first paragraph by the insertion of the words "by ballot" after the word "voting:" that in the third line from the end of the second paragraph, the words "of the Protestant Episcopal Church" be substituted for the words "in the Parish which he represents:" that Section 3 of Cannon III be transferred and made the third paragraph of Article VI: that the provisos of Article VI. from the 15th line to the 21st inclusive, be transferred to the last (4th) paragraph of the Article, and inserted after the word "admitted:"

That in Canon II, Section 1, subsections 7 and 10, the words "and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy," be inserted after the words "the Treasurer of the Convention:"

In the same subsections, to substitute "of the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan," for the words "the Trustees and Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund:"

To transpose subsections 8 and 9:

In Canon V, Section 2, to substitute the word "general" for the word "Diocesan:"

In Canon IX, first line of Section 1, to strike out the words "after Morning Service:"

In Canon XI, line 4, after the word "Parochial," to insert "or Missionary:"

That the following New Canon, entitled "Of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan," be adopted as

CANON XII.

OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

The Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan having been duly organized as a body corporate under the laws of the State of Michigan, and auxiliary to the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, it is hereby made the agent and custodian of the said Diocese for the investment and management of all permanent funds of said Diocese, which may be entrusted to it from time to time by the Convention.

All conveyances shall be made to, and title to all real estate belonging to said Diocese shall vest in, this Association, to be held in trust for such purposes as its Articles provide, or as the Convention may by Canons or Resolutions direct.

All bonds, notes, securities, insurance policies, and other evidences of debt, belonging to the Diocese, shall be taken, held and conveyed in the name of said Association.

The Association shall have the custody and control of all personal property belonging to the Diocese for which there is no other custodian provided by Canon, and do such other acts as other Boards and officers of the Diocese are incapable of performing for want of legal authority:

Canon XII (present number) to become Canon XIII, and in place of Section 1 to substitute the following:

SEC. 1. The care and management of the Fund for the Support of the Bishop of the Diocese, now provided, together with that which may hereafter be contributed, and any accumulation upon the investment thereof, shall be entrusted to the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

In Section 2 to insert the words "of said Board" in the second line after the word "Treasurer:" and in the fourth line of the same Section, to substitute the word "Board" for "Fund:"

In the third Section, second line, to insert the word "said" before "Trustees:"

In Section 4, to strike out all after the word "Convention:"

Canon XIII to become XIV, and in the 9th line of Section 1, to strike out all after the words "invested by the," and substitute "Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the income of which shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Diocese upon his order:"

Canon XIV to become XV, and after the word "officiate," in the first line, to add the word "statedly:" also, in the last line, immediately preceding the word "Digest," to insert the words "and Title I., Canon 3, Section 4:"

Canon XV to become Canon XVI, and in second line of Section 1, in place of the words "Episcopal Fund," to insert "Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:"

Canon XVI to become XVII:

Canon XVII to become XVIII:

Canon XVIII to become XIX, and in Section 3, after the word "Diocese," in the seventh line, to insert "but all missionaries shall be appointed by the Bishop:"

Canon XIX to become XX, and in Section 4 to strike out the words "such body as the Convention shall by Canon designate," also the words "by such designated body," and in place of the former words to insert "the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:"

Canon XX to become XXI.

On motion the report of the committee was accepted.

The first amendment of Article VI, proposed by the committee, was lost. The others were adopted.

On motion Article VI, as amended, was adopted provisionally.

ARTICLE VI. (AS AMENDED.)

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION.

SEC. 1. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen, of Laymen who shall be communicants in a Church in union with the Convention of this Diocese, and of Lay Delegates from organized Missions; Provided: That in a vote by Parishes, the latter shall not vote. Every Clergyman of the Church, of whatever Order, not under discipline, being a settled Minister of some Parish within this Diocese, or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructor in some College, Academy or Seminary of Learning, constituted by civil or ecclesiastical authority, or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the Army or Navy of the United States, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually and personally, as well as Canonically, resident within the Diocese for the space of six calendar months before a meeting of the Convention, and has for the same period been employed in performing the duties of his station, or has been Canonically instituted: Provided: that no Clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence with permission of the Bishop, or, if the Episcopate be vacant, of the Standing Committee, be deprived of such privilege.

SEC. 2. Every Parish in this Diocese which has, or hereafter shall, by its charter or articles of association, expressly accede to the Constitution, Canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, may be admitted into union with this Convention, and shall be entitled to send to the Convention a Lay Delegate or Delegates, not exceeding three, to be chosen by the wardens and vestrymen of the Parish; a certificate of whose appointment, signed by one of the wardens, or by the Secretary of the Vestry, shall, before his or their admission to a seat be laid before the Convention; Provided: That no person shall be competent to serve as a lay Delegate unless he be a stated worshipper and communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and no person under process of ecclesiastical censure shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention.

SEC. 3. No Parish shall be admitted to representation of any kind in

the Convention which has not paid in full the last two assessments due from it to the Treasury of the Diocese.

SEC. 4. No deputation from any Church shall be entitled to vote at the same Convention at which the Church shall be admitted: Provided: That any Clergyman who has, for less than said period of six months, been personally and Canonically a resident of this Diocese and in charge of a Parish, may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting in any Convention, be admitted to a seat, and vote in such Convention: Provided: That no Clergyman who has not been for six months next preceding the Convention Canonically resident in the Diocese, shall vote on the election of the Bishop; but, if a majority of the members present agree, such may have a seat in said Convention.

The proposed amendments of Canons II, V, IX and XI were adopted.

The proposed New Canon, XII, entitled "Of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan," was adopted.

The amendments of Canon XII (old number), being before the Convention, motion was made and prevailed to lay the proposed new section on the table.

Motion was made to reconsider the vote to table Section 1 of New Canon XIII.

The motion to reconsider was lost for want of a two-thirds vote (see Rule of Order No. IX), there being twenty-one votes in favor of, and thirteen against, reconsideration.

It became evident immediately that if the Convention persisted in tabling the proposed amendment to Canon XII, to be numbered XIII, it must at once undo much that had already been done. Accordingly, the motion to reconsider was renewed, and the yeas and nays called for by the requisite number. Forty members of the Convention voted in favor of reconsideration, to-wit: the Rev. Messrs. Bancroft, Beckwith, Buck, Conover, Cook, Ferguson, Knowlton, Lewis, Morris, McMurdy, Prichard, Rogers, Scott, J. L. Taylor, J. R. Taylor, Whittemore, Wood and Woodford; and Messrs. Daskam, Lilly, Bock, Loveridge, Gorham, Mosher, Goodyear, Robinson, Riker, Ladow, Cyrus Smith, Sheldon, Chapin, Fisher, A. G. Smith, Landon, Sterling, Bitely, Rea, Hovey, Crissey and Salkeld.

Eight members voted against reconsideration, to-wit: Rev. Messrs. Peters and Stowe, and Messrs. Barrey, Peirce, Woodruff, Dibble, Montgomery, Howlet.

So the motion to lay upon the table was reconsidered.

On motion of Rev. H. B. Whittemore,

Resolved, That Canon XII (old number) be printed with the proposed amendments, and placed in the hands of the members of the Convention.

Resolved, That the same be made the Order of the Day for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The proposed amendments to Canons XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX and XX were adopted.

The Rev. J. L. Taylor offered the amendment to Canon III, of which he gave notice yesterday, to-wit: To add to Subsection 3, Section 1, Canon III, "and satisfactory evidence shall be given to the Convention that the Parish is able to support a Clergyman without Missionary aid."

The Rev. J. R. Taylor offered as substitute, "And no Parish shall be admitted into union with the Convention until the Parish petitioning shall have given satisfactory assurances of good prospects of supporting in due time the services of the Church."

The Rev. A. C. Lewis moved to amend the substitute by inserting the words "hereafter organized" after the word "Parish" in the first line.

On motion of Rev. H. J. Cook,

Resolved, That the several proposed amendments to Canon III., Section 1, be laid on the table indefinitely.

The Convention proceeded to Elections, which Order had been waived in favor of the report of the Committee on Canons.

The Chair appointed the Rev. M. E. Buck and Mr. Chas. B. Mosher, Tellers, to receive and report the ballots cast for Treasurer of the Convention.

The Tellers having retired, the Convention proceeded with miscellaneous business.

On motion of Rev. J. F. Conover,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be authorized to pay Nathan Matthews, Treasurer of the General Convention, $31.00, being

the proportion owing by this Diocese on the assessment to meet the expenses of the General Convention.

Mr. H. A. Goodyear asked, for himself and associate, leave of absence for the remaining Sessions of the Convention. Granted.

TELLERS' REPORT.

No. of ballots cast for the Treasurer of the Convention, 40. Mr. T. P. Sheldon has received 36 votes and is elected.

The Chair appointed the Rev. W. H. Knowlton and Mr. George Barrey, Tellers of the vote for Registrar of the Diocese.

On motion of Rev. J. F. Conover,

Resolved, That the Lay-members of the Standing Committee be a Board of Auditors to examine the securities and report in writing to the Convention whether they be correct as specified in the Reports of the Treasurer of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund and of other Officers of the Diocese holding securities.

The Tellers reported the election of the Rev. Sidney Beckwith as Registrar of the Diocese.

The Chair appointed as Tellers of the votes for the Standing Committee, the Rev. J. L. Taylor and Mr. Charles H. Daskam.

The Special Committee on the expenses of Diocesan officers made the following

REPORT.

The Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Address of the Bishop of the Diocese as relates to the "Provision for the payment of Diocesan officers," beg leave to report the following resolution for adoption by this Convention, viz:

Resolved, That an appropriation out of the funds of the Diocese, in accordance with the suggestion of the Bishop of the Diocese in his Annual Address, be and hereby is made by this Convention, for the current year; said appropriation not to exceed eighty dollars in the aggregate, twenty-five dollars of said sum being given for defraying the traveling expenses of the clerical members of the Standing Committee; thirty-five dollars for those of the clerical members of the Board of Missions and twenty dollars for those of the Examining Chaplains.

Respectfully submitted. ROBT McMURDY, W. H. KNOWLTON, JAS. P. HOWLET, } Committee.

The Rev. M. E. Buck asked and obtained leave of absence for Messrs. Wm. W. Rea and Chas. W. Hovey.

The Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund made their

REPORT.

We have examined the accounts and vouchers of F. A. Gorham, Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, and find them to be correct.

WILLIAM STOWE,
J. L. TAYLOR,
T. P. SHELDON,
J. H. MONTGOMERY,
P. R. L. PEIRCE.

The Committee on Settlement with the Diocese of Michigan presented their

REPORT.

At the First Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, held in St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, May 26 and 27, 1875, Rev. J. F. Conover, Mr. T. P. Sheldon and Mr. Wm. R. Schuyler were appointed a Committee to make a settlement with the Diocese of Michigan of all financial matters then unadjusted.

Your Committee would respectfully report that its chairman attended the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan, which met in St. Paul's Church, Flint, June 9th and 10th, 1875, and presented a memorial to that body asking concurrence of that Diocese in the arrangement unofficially made, by which the assessments upon the Parishes for the last Conventional year within the limits of the Diocese of Western Michigan were equally divided between the two Dioceses; also that unpaid assessments in the Diocese of Western Michigan be remitted and not collected from the Parishes; and also, that some equitable division of the common Fund for the Support of Aged and Infirm Clergy and the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy be made between the two Dioceses.

The memorial was respectfully received and acted upon. The request of your Committee in relation to assessments was acceded to; the action of the Joint Committee of the two Dioceses concerning the support of Missions was concurred in and approved and $1,500 of the $6,179.89 of Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy and the Widows and Orphans of Clergy was voted to the Diocese of Western Michigan.

The official report of the action of the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan will be found in "Appendix J," page 102 of the Journal of the Proceedings of the First Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. CONOVER,
T. P. SHELDON,
WM. R. SCHUYLER. } Committee.

On motion of the Rev. J. Rice Taylor,

Resolved, That the sum of $50.00 be appropriated to the Secretary of the Convention.

The committee upon the letter of Mr. George Kendall presented the following

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Mr. George Kendall, of Grand Rapids, offering to deed to the Association a lot in said city for an Episcopal residence, provided work is commenced in good faith, within four years from December 2, 1875, would respectfully report as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby returned to Mr. Kendall for his very valuable and generous offer.

Resolved, That the same is hereby accepted by the Convention, and that necessary steps be taken to secure the title to the property, in accordance with the terms of the offer.

F. A. GORHAM,
L. C. CHAPIN,
C. P. DIBBLE.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. P. R. L. Peirce,

Resolved, That the first resolution reported by the committee be unanimously adopted, and a copy be furnished Mr. Kendall by the Secretary.

And that the second resolution be adopted and referred to the officers of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan to carry the same into effect.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention re-assembled. The Rev. Samuel Earp took his seat in the Convention.

The Tellers reported the election of three Clergymen and three Laymen as members of the Standing Committee.

A new ballot was ordered for the election of one more Clerical member.

The minutes of the morning Session were read and approved.

On motion of the Rev. Sidney Beckwith,

Resolved, That the Bishop is respectfully requested to appoint Semi-Annual Missionary Meetings, to be held in the month of November, and as soon as practicable after Easter, or at other times as he may deem expedient, and that the Board of Missions is directed, in conjunction with the Diocesan, to secure the arrangements for such meetings, and that the Parishes be recommended to make provision for the expenses of their Clergymen attending such meetings.

The report of the Committee on Church Literature was read by the Chairman of that Committee, but retained for a time by said committee.

Final report of the Tellers of the ballot for Standing Committee:

Members elected—The Reverends William Stowe, Samuel Earp, James F. Conover, Henry B. Whittemore; Messrs. Alonzo Platt, Lebeus C. Chapin and Noah P. Loveridge.

The Chair appointed the Rev. M. Morris and Mr. Charles J. Sterling, Tellers of the ballot for the Board of Missions.

The Special Order for the hour was then taken up, being Canon XII, to be numbered XIII, with sundry amendments as reported by the Committee on Canons.

The Rev. H. B. Whittemore moved that Canon XII, to be numbered XIII, as amended, be adopted provisionally.

The Tellers reported the election of four Clergymen and three Laymen as members of the Board of Missions, and that one Clergyman and two Laymen were yet to be elected.

A new ballot was ordered, resulting in the election of the full number.

Final report of the Tellers:

Elected as members of the Board of Missions—The Reverend Messrs. Samuel Earp, Herbert J. Cook, Albert C. Lewis, H. B. Whittemore, Walter Scott, and Messrs. Charles P. Dibble, Alpheus G. Smith, Peter R. L. Peirce, Henry A. Goodyear, David Fisher.

The Rev. H. B. Whittemore desired permission to decline serving as member of the Board of Missions.

Mr. L. C. Chapin moved the acceptance of the Rev. Mr. Whittemore's resignation. Lost.

The Rev. Samuel Earp begged leave to decline service upon the Standing Committee. Refused.

The Chair appointed as Tellers for the election of one Deputy to the General Convention, in place of the late Col. James L. Glen, the Rev. Robert Wood and Mr. Charles J. Sterling.

The Tellers reported the election of Mr. S. H. Wagener as Deputy to the General Convention.

Mr. C. P. Dibble offered an amendment to Section 3 of Canon XII under consideration, which amendment was accepted by the Committee on Canons, to-wit: at the end of Section 3, after the words "name of," to read "the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan."

The Rev. Samuel Earp moved the following substitute for the motion of Rev. Mr. Whittemore: That Canon XII, relating to the Episcopal Fund, be amended to read Canon XIII, and that in Section 3, sixth line, after the words "name of," it be amended to read "the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan."

The substitute was lost.

Mr. P. R. L. Peirce moved that the subject matter of amendments to the Canon under consideration, be laid on the table until the next Annual Convention.

The yeas and nays were called for by the required number.

The Rev. S. H. Woodford asked to be excused from voting, which was granted.

The motion being *to lay upon the table*, sixteen members of the Convention voted "yea," to wit: the Reverend Messrs. Beckwith, Earp, Knowlton, Morris, McMurdy, Peters, Rogers, Stowe and Wood, and the Messrs. Barrey, Peirce, Gorham, Howlet, Sterling, Bitely and Salkeld.

Twenty-one members of the Convention voted "nay," to-wit: The Reverend Messrs. Bancroft, Buck, Conover, Cook, Lewis, Prichard, Scott, J. L. Taylor, J. R. Taylor and Whittemore, and the Messrs. Daskam, Loveridge, Mosher, Sheldon, Chapin, Fisher, Woodruff, Dibble, Montgomery, A. G. Smith and Abbey.

The motion to lay upon the table was lost.

Canon XII, to be numbered XIII, was then put to vote, and adopted by a vote of 24 to 11, in the following form:

CANON XIII.

OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

SEC. 1. The care and management of the Fund for the Support of the Bishop of the Diocese, now provided, together with that which may hereafter be contributed, and any accumulation upon the investment thereof, shall be entrusted to the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

SEC. 2. The income of the Fund, equal to the designated amount of the Bishop's salary, shall be paid by the Treasurer of said Board to the Bishop, quarterly: and to provide for any deficiency in said income, the Treasurer of the said Board, together with the Lay members of the Standing Committee and the Treasurer of the Diocese, shall annually assess upon the Parishes of the Diocese, at a uniform rate per cent. based upon the current expenses, including Rector's salary, the full amount that may be needed for the salary of the Bishop.

SEC. 3. The principal of said Episcopal Fund shall be loaned by the said Trustees, upon security of real estate, appraised at double the amount loaned thereon, exclusive of buildings, or invested in Bonds of the United States or of this State, at their discretion: and they shall have power from time to time to change such investments. All securities and investments shall be taken or made in the name of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

SEC. 4. A statement, exhibiting the condition of the said Fund and securities, shall be reported to each Annual Convention.

On motion of Mr. N. P. Loveridge,

Resolved, That Section 3 of Canon II, be amended by striking out the words "Trustees and Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund," and inserting in the place thereof "members of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan other than *ex-officio* members of such Association, not exceeding ten in number, and the number to be fixed by resolution before the ballot is taken."

CANON II (AS AMENDED.)

OF THE OPENING OF THE CONVENTION, AND THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 1. Each session of the Convention shall be opened with prayer, the morning session with the Daily Morning Prayer. On the first day, the Order of business shall be as follows:

1st. The President having taken the chair, the Convention shall be called to order, and the Secretary of the preceding Convention (or in his absence the Secretary *pro tem.*, to be elected *viva voce*,) shall call over the names of Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention, and shall enter in the Journal the names of those who are present.

2d. The names of the Parishes entitled to representation shall be called,

and the Lay Delegates from each shall present their certificates of election, which shall be referred to a committee of two Clergymen to report thereon.

3d. On the acceptance of their report, the roll of the Lay Delegates elected shall be called, and the President shall declare the Convention organized.

4th. Irregular and defective certificates shall be reported to the Convention, which shall decide on the admission of the delegates therein named.

5th. A Secretary shall be elected, who may appoint an assistant, subject to the approval of the Convention.

6th. If the Treasurer of the Convention be absent, a Treasurer *pro tem.* shall be elected *viva voce*.

7th. The President shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

On the Admission of Churches into Union with the Convention—Consisting of two Clergymen and one Layman.

On the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy—Consisting of three Laymen.

On the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan—Consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen.

On the Report of the Accounts of the Board of Missions—Consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen.

On Unfinished Business—Consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen.

On Christian Education—Consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen.

On Canons—Consisting of two Clergymen and two Laymen.

On Church Literature—Consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen.

8th. The Bishop's Address shall then be in order.

9th. The Parochial Reports shall then be presented to the Bishop.

10th. The Reports of the Standing Committee, the Board of Missions, the Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, shall then be presented and referred to the appropriate Committees.

11th. Miscellaneous business.

SEC. 2. On the second and each subsequent day, the Order of business shall be as follows:

1. The roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates called.

2. Reading the Minutes of the previous day.
3. Report of the Standing Committees in their order in Rule 7th.
4. Elections.
5. Reports of Special Committees.
6. Miscellaneous Business.

SEC. 3. The elections of Treasurer of the Convention, Registrar of the Diocese, Standing Committee, Board of Missions, Members of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, other than the *Ex-Officio* members of such Association, not exceeding ten in number, and the number to be fixed by resolution before the ballot is taken, Deputies to the General Convention, and Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, shall be by ballot and in this order: For each election the President shall appoint Tellers, who shall receive and count the votes, and report the result to the President, who shall declare it to the Convention before the next election shall be entered upon. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an election. If the Convention shall be able to finish its business in one day, these elections make take place after all the other business shall have been transacted.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Bancroft,

Resolved, That we now elect by ballot, upon open nomination, three persons to be members of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

The Chair appointed as Tellers of the vote for elective members of the Association D. W. M., the Rev. H. J. Cook and Mr. J. P. Howlet.

The Standing Committee on the Report and Accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions submitted their

REPORT.

We have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, and find them to be correct.

ROBERT WOOD,
WALTER SCOTT,
for the Committee.

The report was accepted.

The Special Committee on the Swedish Colony offered their

REPORT.

To the Diocesan Convention of Western Michigan:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered in Convention yesterday by Mr. P. R. L. Peirce, have had the same under consideration, and beg to report that it appears from papers presented to the

Committee that some time in the year 1870 steps were taken by Rev. J. P. Tustin, D. D., then Rector of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, to found a colony of Swedes and other Scandinavians in the county of Osceola. That he was seconded in his efforts by the Continental Improvement Company, then building the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, and such proceedings were had that on May 1, 1872, the Continental Improvement Company, of Pennsylvania, conveyed to a Trustee N. W. ¼ of N. E. ¼ and N. E. ¼ of N. W. ¼ of Sec 25, T. 20, N. R. 10 W., but on the following condition, to-wit: "To cause the same to be platted and recorded as a town plat, under and according to the statutes of the State of Michigan, having regard to, and providing in said grounds for a school house, cemetery and church, said cemetery, school and church to be under the control, and subject to the management and government of the Vestry of the Parish of New Bleaking in communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sweden, and organized according to the Canons of the Diocese of the P. E. Church in the State of Michigan. Also providing and setting apart in said plat so much of said lands as, upon advice and consultation with said Vestry, said Trustee may deem necessary or proper for a Parish farm for the support of the ministers and teachers of said church and school.

Your Committee understand that a Vestry was elected in 1872, and through the efforts of Doctor Tustin funds were raised from a few individuals, and a church edifice—though not fully completed—has been erected and is used occasionally by Swedish preachers of the Lutheran and Augustina Synods, who came from other points to preach to the Swedes. During the first two years of the organization of a Vestry, the Rev. Mr. Almquist, a Swedish Clergyman of the P. E. Church, officiated, but since the transfer of Mr. Almquist to another field of labor, there has been no settled pastor. Mr. Almquist was assisted out of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese of Michigan.

Your Committee are informed that there are few if any persons connected with the present colony who have any sympathy with the Episcopal Church, or even the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sweden, but are in sympathy with the Augustina Synod, which is non-Episcopal in its church government.

Your Committee are further informed that the church organized at Tustin never applied for admission into the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan, nor has it so applied for admission into union with this Diocese, and that for all practical purposes of a church organization under the Canons of this Diocese it is no way amenable to our Constitution and laws, and from the best information your Committee can obtain,

it probably will never so apply, unless indeed, the Convention can see its way clear to support a clergyman of this Church to minister to a people not in sympathy with it.

Therefore your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the subject matter upon which this report is predicated, be referred to the Bishop, two Clergymen and two Laymen, to be appointed by him, who shall act in the premises as their judgment may dictate, and if necessary to make any and all acquittances, so far as this Convention is concerned, to said property or otherwise, and report their action at the next Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. R. L. PEIRCE.
T. P. SHELDON.
J. RICE TAYLOR.
ROBERT WOOD.

The Tellers reported the election of Messrs. George Woodruff, Henry Brees, and Frederick A. Gorham, as Members of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

Adjourned until evening.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

7.30 P. M.

The Convention re-assembled. Prayers were said by the Bishop. The minutes of the afternoon Session were read and approved.

On motion the report of the Committee on the Swedish Colony was accepted, and the accompanying resolution adopted.

The Chair named upon the Committee contemplated in the Resolution, the Reverends Joseph S. Large and Samuel Earp, and Messrs. P. R. L. Peirce and F. A. Gorham.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that on page 25 of the Journal of 1875, they find that the Committee on Christian Education was continued to report to this Convention.

Also that on page 31 of the same, appears a resolution offered by Mr. O. C. Comstock, of which no disposition would seem to have been made.

Also on page 35 of the same, they find that the Committee on Canons,

and that on the increase of the Episcopate Fund, were continued to report at this Convention. And on page 36, a proposed amendment of Canon II was referred to the Committee on Canons.

Respectfully submitted,

M. MORRIS,
JOSEPH SALKELD,
SAMUEL T. BATTLE.

The Committee on the Report of the Trustees of the Association of D. W. M., offered their

REPORT.

The Committee have examined the report and documents of the Trustees of the Association, D. W. M., and find the same correct.

G. E. PETERS,
GEO. WOODRUFF,
N. P. LOVERIDGE.

On motion of the Rev. H. J. Cook,

Resolved, That the members of this Convention hereby tender their thanks to the Rector and people of Trinity Parish, Marshall, for their generous hospitality during the present session.

The Convention would also recognize the presence and courtesy of the several members of the Press who have been in attendance through the whole of these deliberations.

On motion of Mr. F. A. Gorham,

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed for distribution 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention, which shall include the Articles of Association and By-Laws of "The Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan," and the By-Laws of "The Board of Trustees" of said Association, all expense attending the same to be paid by the Treasurer of the Convention from the General Fund.

FURTHER REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred a proposed amendment to Section 1 of Canon II, introduced May 27, at the last Convention, and printed on page 36 of the Journal, would, at the request of the mover, Mr. P. R. L. Peirce, report the same back to the Convention without recommendation, it being understood by the author of the proposition, that the matter referred to therein can be reached, if desirable, in another way.

The report was accepted.

The Committee on Christian Literature presented their report,

which had already been read to the Convention, accompanied by a resolution.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

Your Committee feel that no subject of greater importance than that of Christian Literature could be taken into the deliberations of the Convention. But under the feeling that the use of this agency for spreading the knowledge of the Church deserves far more attention than the Convention has, at this late hour, the time to bestow upon it, we have ventured to make but a few suggestions.

It is felt by the Committee that the appointment of a Special Committee, consisting of wise and practical persons, who might give the subject a year's deliberation, and report to the next Convention, would result in good. The Committee can do little more at the present time than to further the recommendations made in the Bishop's Address of last year.

The Committee are informed by the Bishop that a donation of Prayer Books and Tracts has been received from the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, and the New York Tract Society. And Mr. A. G. Heminway, of New Rochelle, N. Y., has provided for a further supply of Prayer Books. These have been distributed as called for by the Clergy and others.

A number of the larger size Prayer Books have been placed in the reception rooms of hotels, labeled with the name of the house. From funds at his disposal, the Bishop has given orders for Sunday School Books of instruction, Illuminated Texts for Church Rooms, and other books needed in Parish work.

The library of the late Rev. J. O'Brien, D. D., was a short time since placed at the disposal of our Bishop, through Bishop Paddock, and has been distributed to Clergymen and Candidates.

It is believed that the best method of supplying Missions and feeble Parishes with printed matter, is by continuing the system of orders. This saves keeping on hand a stock at great expense. It is recommended that every Parish and Mission take some steps looking to the establishment of a Parish Library. This is not so difficult an undertaking as one would, at first thought, suppose. Many large libraries have grown from very small nuclei, and if but a half dozen volumes could be regarded as the property of the Parish or Mission, and *used* as such, a library would, almost inevitably, grow from them.

It may be necessary to enter some caution against the too hasty selection of Sunday School Books. This subject, however, would be an

appropriate one for the consideration of a more permanent Committee. In conclusion, the Committee desire to urge most heartily upon the Diocese the value of "Our Dioceses" as a powerful auxiliary in the work of the Church in the Diocese. The Rectors of Parishes are thought the fittest persons to assist the editor in introducing this paper into the families of the Church.

S. H. WOODFORD,
H. J. COOK,
CHARLES J. STERLING.

Resolution accompanying the foregoing report:

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of the Bishop, and two Clergymen and one Layman, be appointed by the Bishop a Committee on Church Literature, to take into consideration such matters as they may deem pertinent to this subject, and to report, with such recommendations as they may deem proper, to the next Convention.

The report was accepted and the resolution adopted, and the Chair appointed as Committee under the resolution, the Rev. S. H. Woodford, the Rev. H. J. Cook, and Mr. Charles J. Sterling.

On motion of the Rev. Samuel Earp, the assessments upon St. John's Mission, Charlotte, and St. Matthias' Mission, Eaton Rapids, were remitted.

The Rev. James F. Conover, Chairman of the Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund, made a brief oral report, and asked that the Committee be discharged.

Mr. L. C. Chapin moved that Messrs. P. R. L. Peirce and S. L. Fuller be discharged from the Committee, and the Reverend Messrs. J. F. Conover and S. Earp be continued as the Committee for the Increase of the Episcopal Fund.

The motion prevailed.

The report of the Convocation of Kalamazoo was then submitted, without reading, to the Convention, by the Rev. H. J. Cook, Secretary of that Convocation.

On motion of Mr. L. C. Chapin,

Resolved, That those Canons which the Convention has not ordered provisionally adopted, be adopted finally.

On motion of Mr. P. R. L. Peirce,

Resolved, That the Special Committee on Canons, heretofore appointed, be continued until the next Session of the Convention.

The Rev. Samuel Earp desired to be excused from service upon that Committee, and the Chair named the Rev. Walter Scott in room of the Rev. Mr. Earp.

Motion was made and prevailed to adjourn, after reading the minutes and the usual devotions.

The minutes of the Evening Session were read and approved.

The Convention united in the singing of The Gloria in Excelsis, and after a few parting words, Prayers and the Benediction, by the Bishop, the Convention stood adjourned *sine die*.

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,
Secretary of the Convention.

SIDNEY BECKWITH,
Assistant Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

The Bishop's Address.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Western Michigan, Assembled in the Second Annual Convention:

BRETHREN BELOVED IN THE LORD—The God of our life and of our strength permits us again to assemble in our Annual Councils. In a year that has closed the stewardship for an unusual number of our Clergy, for some of them, the years untold upon which they might reasonably have counted to "fulfill their Ministry;" our little band has remained thus unbroken. And we have so been "in health," that I am not aware that the bed of sickness has stayed the impulse and activity of heart and hand.

BEREAVEMENTS IN THE FAMILIES OF THE CLERGY.

Our Heavenly Father has indeed brought some of us into "the valley of the shadow of death," and added the sorrows of the home and heart to the trials of our Ministry. We, who so often tell men of the "end of all perfection here on earth," and use the disappointment and sore dismay of their life to fix their thoughts and desires upon the place "the Lord has gone to prepare for us;" may not in our bereavements marvel "as though some strange thing happened unto us."

We, who are appointed "to comfort all that mourn," whose mission is especially to shaded chambers and to lonely hearts; when "it is come upon us and it toucheth us," may not so "faint and be troubled," as to let our "hands hang down," and in the sickly smile and the sad tone, discredit our own witness of "a God of patience and consolation."

Are not these very trials appointed us as part of that precious training, because of God, whereby we are made ministers of consolation to a world that lies in sorrow as in sin? It is not *my* thought, but that of one who could say, "in the Spirit," "we are made a gazing stock unto the world,

and to angels and to men"—"Whether we be afflicted it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation."

DEATH OF BISHOP JOHNS OF VIRGINIA.

The Senior Bishop of Virginia, come to four score years, has exchanged "the labour and sorrow," for "the life that hath no ending." The only distinct recollection I have of him is a very happy one. I was present when in 1871 he delivered the opening sermon of that General Convention. The Church was sadly in unrest, for her "divisions there were great searchings of heart." How sweetly fell upon our ears a Scripture of "the love of Christ." And how the sermon that followed seemed as the gift of Jesus' own peace. It was indeed the breathing of love, when we lost the words of "the still small voice," yet there was love on the countenance and in the tone. And this was Bishop Johns. One speaking from his long familiarity says—"The fountain of Christ's love seemed to be opened before us in all its precious fullness whenever he proclaimed the doctrine of the cross, and that was whenever he preached."

EPISCOPAL ACTS.

From such holy and even sad thoughts, the transition to the details of the year's work is not unnatural. In this world, sorrows and toils not only go together, but they "kiss each other." Trial is energy to toil, toil is comfort to trial. Death is the reward of toil and trial. And aside from this thought, the affection of life's dearest relations is but the faint figure of the Shepherd caring for the sheep. And there is a holiness in all the work of the vineyard, even to the facts and figures of a Bishop's visitations.

I proceed to the detail the Canon requires.

My last Address carried the record up to the business sessions of the Convention.

1875. May 26–27, Wednesday and Thursday, were occupied with our Annual Council. It was gratifying to find the members generally remaining to the close, although only a very serious cause should allow either Clergymen or Laymen to withdraw.

May 29, Saturday, at ***Marshall,*** met a sub-committee of the Diocesan Board of Missions.

May 30, 1st Sunday after Trinity. St. Thomas', ***Battle Creek,*** morning and evening officiated, administered the Holy Communion, baptized two adults and one infant, held a children's service, performed the Marriage Service, and met the Congregation and the Vestry in reference to the erection of a new church.

June 1, Tuesday, ***Newaygo,*** evening, preached.

June 3, Thursday, ***Pentwater,*** evening, preached, confirmed one, having in the afternoon met the Parishioners and explained the organization of a Mission. (Canon XIX.)

June 4, Friday, ***Ludington,*** Grace Church, evening, preached.

June 5–7, ***Manistee,*** on Saturday afternoon, met the candidates for baptism and confirmation; second Sunday after Trinity, morning, preached; afternoon, baptized two adults and administered the Holy Communion with an Address; evening, preached and confirmed seven; on Monday, baptized an adult and administered the Holy Communion to those confirmed on the previous day. Rev. Mr. Prichard baptized twelve children during the visit. I had hoped that a lot would be immediately purchased. This has not been accomplished, but a Sunday School has been organized and Lay Services are held. Our pioneer Missionary at Ludington has watched over the work.

June 8, Tuesday, ***Mt. Pleasant,*** evening, officiated and conferred with the congregation on resuming services.

June 9, Wednesday, ***Flint,*** was present during the afternoon and evening sessions of the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan, and enjoyed meeting the Bishop and brethren with whom I had been so long associated.

June 10 to July 15, chiefly engaged visiting in the ***Diocese of Ohio.*** I preached 24 times, confirmed 201, and consecrated one church, visiting 25 Parishes. The Bishop has very kindly acknowledged this service to him in his absence and sickness, which I was happy to render.

July 18, 8th Sunday after Trinity, ***Allegan,*** Church of the Redeemer, morning, preached and addressed the Sunday School; afternoon, held services at the Poor House, evening preached.

July 19, Monday, met the Board of Missions for organization.

July 20, Tuesday, ***Plainwell,*** administered the Holy Communion, with an Address. In the evening of this day, the first session of the Kalamazoo Convocation commenced at ***Allegan,*** and was continued through Wednesday, 21st. I preached *ad clerum*, administered the Holy Communion, and made an Address at the Missionary Meeting. Nine Clerical members were present.

July 25th, 9th Sunday after Trinity, ***Mt. Pleasant,*** morning, officiated; afternoon, in a school house in the country—baptized seven children; in the evening, baptized an infant, preached, and confirmed four. This is almost the only place in our borders where the services are suspended, and with more unity of action this need not be an exceptional case. Lay service has been held.

July 27–28, Tuesday and Wednesday, St. Andrews', ***Big Rapids,*** Convocation of Grand Rapids. I preached *ad clerum*, administered the Holy Communion, and made an Address at the Missionary Meeting. Seven Clerical members were present.

August 1, 8th Sunday after Trinity, ***Coldwater,*** St. Mark's, morning, preached, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed five. The Rev. H. J. Cook had entered on his duties as Rector.

Evening, ***Union City,*** Grace Church, officiated, baptized an adult, and confirmed three. The slender frame of the building had been strengthened.

August 8th, 11th Sunday after Trinity, ***Minneapolis, Diocese of Minnesota***—Morning, preached in St. Mark's Church; afternoon, preached in All Saints' Chapel, and confirmed one, at the request of Bishop Whipple; evening, preached in Gethsemane Church.

August 15, 12th Sunday after Trinity, ***Eaton Rapids,*** St. Matthias' Mission, preached and administered the Holy Communion; afternoon, ***Charlotte,*** St. John's Mission, addressed the Sunday School and held a service at the jail; evening, preached.

August 22, 13th Sunday after Trinity, ***Sturgis,*** Mission, morning, preached and confirmed six; afternoon, held a service at the Poor House, and in the evening, preached. A comfortable room for services was opened this day. The Rev. W. Forgus, of the Diocese of Indiana, has lately resigned this charge. It should be united with Mendon.

August 29th, 14th Sunday after Trinity, ***Albion,*** St. James' Church, morning, preached and addressed the Sunday School. Afternoon, ***Homer,*** Christ Church, preached and met the Vestry.

September 4, Saturday, ***Paw Paw,*** St. Mark's Church, held a children's service.

September 5, 15th Sunday after Trinity, morning, preached, afternoon, officiated at ***Decatur;*** evening, preached and confirmed four at ***Paw Paw.***

September 8, Wednesday, ***Grand Rapids,*** for St. Paul's Church, confirmed one in private.

September 12, 16th Sunday after Trinity, ***Grand Haven,*** St. John's Church, morning, preached; afternoon, held service at the jail, and a Sunday School service; evening, preached.

September 14, Tuesday, Kalamazoo, attended a meeting to organize the Association for holding Church property in trust, and a session of the Board of Missions.

September 15, Wednesday, Ember Day, ***Grand Rapids,*** St. Paul's Church, evening, lectured.

September 16, Thursday, ***Plainfield,*** Christ Church, morning,

preached at the Harvest Home—an admirable institution for rural Parishes.

September 17, Friday, Ember Day, ***Grand Rapids,*** Grace Church, evening, preached.

September 18, Ember Day, ***Grand Rapids,*** St. Mark's Church, afternoon, made an Address.

September 19, 17th Sunday after Trinity, ***Grand Rapids,*** St. Mark's Church, morning, preached and made an appeal for the Society for the Increase of the Ministry: afternoon, ***Good Shepherd,*** made an Address at the Anniversary of the Sunday School: evening, ***St. Paul's*** Church, preached.

September 22, Wednesday, ***Milford,*** in the Diocese of Michigan, officiated at a wedding.

September 24, Friday, St. Bartholomew's Day, ***Grand Rapids,*** St. Paul's Church, evening, lectured.

September 26, 18th Sunday after Trinity, ***Kalamazoo,*** St. Luke's Church, morning and evening, preached: afternoon, held a service at the Poor House.

September 27, Monday, ***South Haven,*** evening, preached.

September 28, Tuesday, baptized a child and administered the Holy Communion. The Rev. J. R. Taylor has given occasional services since.

October 2, Saturday, ***Hastings,*** held service at the Poor House.

October 3, 19th Sunday after Trinity, Emmanuel Church, morning, administered the Holy Communion: afternoon, held a children's service and service at the jail: evening, preached and confirmed two. This was the celebration of the tenth year of a very faithful rectorship. May our Diocesan annals record many long rectorships.

October 10, 20th Sunday after Trinity, ***Whitehall,*** Church of the Redeemer, morning, preached: evening, preached and baptized two children. It is a pleasure to record that services have been resumed after more than two years' vacancy.

October 11, Monday, ***Pentwater,*** evening, held a children's service and preached. In the decline of the place, the Parish has become much reduced.

October 12–13, Tuesday and Wednesday, ***Ludington,*** the Convocation of Grand Rapids. The Church was Consecrated on Wednesday morning, when I preached and administered the Holy Communion: afternoon, confirmed one: evening, made an Address at the Missionary Meeting. Seven Clergymen were present.

October 17, 21st Sunday after Trinity, ***Niles,*** Trinity Church, morning, preached and administered the Holy Communion: afternoon, held

service at ***Edwardsburg;*** evening, preached in Trinity Church. The Rev. Mr. Coleman, during his year at Niles, was a zealous missionary in the neighboring towns.

October 18, Monday, St. Luke's Day, ***Cassopolis,*** evening, preached, having held service at the County House in the afternoon. At an early day there was far more missionary activity in the southwestern corner of the State than now. From one cause and another the services were suspended in these towns, and now I fear we shall scarcely regain the ground.

October 19–20, Tuesday and Wednesday, ***Three Rivers,*** Trinity Church, Kalamazoo Convocation. On Wednesday morning, administered the Holy Communion, and made an Address in the evening at the Missionary Meeting. Eleven Clergymen of the Convocation were present.

October 25–27, ***New York City,*** attended the sessions of the Board of Missions. And on the 26th, the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry. The meetings of the Board were largely attended and earnest discussions were held. It is to be regretted that so much time is consumed in the reading of reports, when most of them are already in print. I can never attend these meetings without painful surprise that they do not give to the Church an impulse to save her from the disgrace that the "Tables of Contributing Parishes" annually reveal.

October 28–29, Thursday—S. S. Simon and Jude—and Friday, attended a Special Meeting of the House of Bishops. Missionary Bishops for China and Africa were elected, but in both cases the hope of their acceptance has been disappointed. Our Foreign Missionary work calls for an anxiety that has its best expression in constant, fervent prayer.

October 31, 23d Sunday after Trinity, ***Stockbridge,*** Mass., preached.

November 7, 24th Sunday after Trinity, ***Kalamazoo,*** St. Luke's, a painful bereavement in the family of our esteemed brother, the Rector, led me to pass the Sunday in this Parish, administering the Holy Communion and participating in the funeral services.

November 8, ***Ionia,*** St. John's Church, afternoon, meet the Vestry in reference to financial matters. Evening, ***Lyons,*** preached and confirmed one.

November 9, Tuesday, ***Hubbardston,*** evening, preached.

November 10, Wednesday, morning, administered the Holy Communion to the few of our fold.

Portland, St. Paul's Mission, evening, preached. The Rev. J. W. Clark, while Rector of St. John's Church, Ionia, with true Missionary zeal, gave a weekly service at this point. Though now removed from the Diocese, he officiates at Grand Ledge. The Rev. Mr. Woodford takes his place at Portland.

November 11, Thursday, ***Greenville,*** evening, St. Paul's Church, preached and met the Vestry in reference to the Clerical support.

November 12, Friday, ***Howard City,*** evening, preached and baptized an infant. On the following morning, administered the Holy Communion.

November 14, 25th Sunday after Trinity, ***Big Rapids,*** St. Andrews', morning, preached and baptized an adult; afternoon, held a children's service; evening, preached and confirmed four. I have such hopes of the future of this place, that I urge upon the Parish to remove the Church edifice to a more central location.

November 17–18, Wednesday and Thursday, ***Coldwater,*** St. Mark's Church, Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting, administered the Holy Communion, and participated in the discussions. Eleven Clergymen of the Diocese were present.

November 21, 26th Sunday after Trinity, ***Saugatuck,*** All Saints' Church, morning, preached, administered the Holy Communion, confirmed seven, and addressed the Sunday School.

Holland, Evening, Grace Church, preached and confirmed five.

November 22, ***Benton Harbor,*** evening, preached. This is really part of the Parish of Christ Church, St. Joseph.

November 23, Tuesday, ***St. Joseph,*** evening, Christ Church, preached. This Parish has had the faithful services of the present Rector for four years, and yet nothing has been done towards the erection of a Church. A Parish liberally aided with Missionary funds should recognize its obligation to establish the Church permanently.

November 24, Wednesday, ***Marshall,*** Trinity Church, afternoon, held a children's service; evening, preached and confirmed seven.

November 25, Thanksgiving Day, morning, preached and administered the Holy Communion; afternoon, held service at the Poor House, a number of the parishioners showing their interest by their presence.

November 26, Friday, morning, with the Rector administered the Holy Communion to an aged servant of the Lord, now at rest.

Albion, Evening, St. James' Church, preached and confirmed two. I would be glad to see the finances of this Parish put on a basis more to the comfort of the worthy Rector.

November 28, 1st Sunday in Advent, ***Battle Creek,*** morning, preached and administered the Holy Communion; afternoon, addressed the Sunday School; evening, preached. I am happy to recall the forebodings of last year—the foundations of church, tower and chapel were laid in the autumn, and the building is now progressing. The Rev. Dr. Foster will officiate on the first Sunday in every month.

November 30, St. Andrew's Day, Day of Intercession for Missions. ***Ionia.*** St. John's, morning, made an appropriate Address; in the evening, preached. The Rev. J. W. Clark resigned March 15th. A Church edifice in place of the poor apology for a chapel they have occupied for more than thirty years, is the way for this Parish, under God, out of discord and decline.

December 5, 2d Sunday in Advent, St. Paul's, ***Courtland,*** morning, preached and administered the Holy Communion: ***Rockford,*** afternoon, preached: ***Plainfield,*** evening, Christ Church, preached. The Rev. M. Morris has given these places one Sunday in the month—yet with no disposition to build at Courtland after twenty years' organization; appeal after appeal made in vain to Plainfield to spend a few dollars in making their Church habitable, and Rockford an illustration of religious division; it is questionable whether even this is a good use of Missionary funds.

December 8, ***Chicago,*** Diocese of Illinois, attended the Consecration of Rev. William Edward McLaren, D. D., and participated in the services. A long vacant Diocese welcomed its Bishop with good wishes and prayers, to which God has set the seal of his blessing.

December 9, Thursday, ***Racine College,*** met several Bishops of the Northwest, in conference on the affairs of the College.

December 10, Friday, ***Traverse City,*** evening, officiated.

December 11, Saturday, met the Candidates for baptism and confirmation, the Missionary being detained at home by sickness.

December 12, 3d Sunday in Advent, ***Elk Rapids,*** St. Paul's Church, morning, preached and administered the Holy Communion, and spoke to the Sunday School; evening, preached and confirmed seven.

December 13, Monday, ***Traverse City,*** evening, preached and confirmed six. On my first visit to Elk Rapids, I had strong encouragement that a Church would be erected this year. At Traverse City the funds are being secured for this end, and there is every reason to expect success. I hope that the next Convention will hear the report of both chapels completed.

December 14, Tuesday, ***Manton,*** evening, officiated in the school house, having administered the Holy Communion in the afternoon.

December 15, Wednesday, Ember Day, baptized an aged man.

Clam Lake, evening, no service having been appointed, baptized five children in a private house.

Dec. 16, ***Clare,*** evening, officiated to a small congregation: this, and a visit to the Poor House, was all I could accomplish.

December 17, ***Farwell,*** Ember Day, evening, officiated and baptized a mother and her infant.

December 18, Saturday, Ember Day, administered the Holy Communion.

December 19, 4th Sunday in Advent, ***Evart,*** morning, officiated. ***Hersey,*** afternoon, visited the jail: evening, officiated and confirmed one.

December 20, Monday, administered the Holy Communion.

December 25, Christmas Day, ***Muskegon,*** St. Paul's Church, morning, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

December 26, 1st Sunday after Christmas, morning, preached and addressed the Sunday School, and held a service in the jail; evening, preached and confirmed four. The Rev. A. W. Snyder, after a Rectorship of two years and a half, has resigned. He leaves a living Parish where he found a homeless and discouraged people.

December 28, Holy Innocents, ***Hastings,*** Emmanuel Church, afternoon, participated in the Christmas festival of the Sunday School; evening, preached.

December 31, New Year's Eve, ***Grand Rapids,*** St. Paul's Church, delivered a lecture "in season."

1876—January 2, ***Saranac***—Trinity Church, morning, preached and administered the Holy Communion: evening, preached and confirmed one. The Rev. L. L. Rogers, residing at Fentonville, officiates here every other Sunday. ***Lowell***—afternoon, preached.

January 6, Epiphany, the late ***Griswold Indian Mission***—afternoon, preached through an interpreter. About 40 souls are left on the Mission farm, held in trust by Bishop McCoskry. They are under the care of the Wesleyan Methodists. , ***Wayland***—evening, officiated.

January 9, 1st Sunday after Epiphany, ***Grand Rapids***—*Grace Church*, morning, preached and addressed the Sunday School. *Good Shepherd*, afternoon, preached: *St. Mark's*, evening, delivered a lecture on poverty.

January 14, Friday, ***Grand Rapids***—St. Paul's, lectured.

January 16, 2d Sunday after Epiphany, ***Allegan***—Good Shepherd, morning, preached and spoke to the Sunday School; afternoon, held a service at the Poor House; evening, preached and confirmed four.

January 17, Monday, ***Plainwell*** Mission, preached. The chapel is unfinished, and an indebtedness of $550 on the land.

January 18, Tuesday, ***Augusta;*** evening, officiated.

January 19, Wednesday, ***Galesburg;*** evening, officiated.

January 20, Thursday, morning, administered the Holy Communion. The Church people in these places are partially identified with the Parishes at Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

January 23, 3d Sunday after Epiphany. ***Kalamazoo***—St. John's, morning, preached and administered the Holy Communion: evening, preached, baptized three adults, and confirmed three.

January 25-26, Tuesday—Conversion of St. Paul—and Wednesday. ***Greenville***—Grand Rapids Convocation: administered the Holy Communion, and made addresses. Seven Clergymen were present.

January 30, 4th Sunday after Epiphany. ***Mendon***—St. Paul's Church, morning, preached, confirmed one and addressed the Children: ***Three Rivers***—evening, Trinity Church, preached and confirmed five.

January 31, Monday, ***Schoolcraft***—visited the Church people.

February 1-2, Tuesday—Presentation of Christ in the Temple—and Wednesday, ***Albion***—St. James' Church, Kalamazoo Convocation; administered the Holy Communion and made addresses. Eight Clergymen were present.

February 6, 5th Sunday after Epiphany. ***Charlotte***—St. John's Mission, morning, preached, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed one; afternoon, met the Sunday School. Unless some provision is made for salary, it will be necessary at least to diminish the amount of service at this place.

Eaton Rapids—St. Matthias' Mission, afternoon, preached and confirmed four. The chapel is a neat structure, only wanting seats, and nearly free from debt. This Mission, only two years old, with its chapel, is an example to Missions much longer established, and yet without a home.

February 8-9, Tuesday and Wednesday, ***Racine College,*** Wisconsin, met several Bishops at an adjourned conference. At both these conferences a very full and frank expression of opinion was had on the antecedents and relations of the College. As the result, the statutes are so altered as to give to the Bishops of nine Dioceses, who are elected Trustees and visitors of the College.

1. The Presidency of the Board of Trustees according to seniority:

2. In the case of a vacancy, the nomination of the Warden of the College:

3. A veto power over the regulations in regard to the worship of the Collegiate Church: and,

4. A visitatorial power, with provision for an annual visitation.

This seems to me to secure all the control the Church can need or ask, of an institution on a solid pecuniary basis, and which is needed in the Northwest, if this Church has meant anything by her solemn professions of devotion to Christian education.

February 15, Tuesday, appointed the Rev. Robert Wood an Examiner, in place of Rev. J. W. Clark, removed from the Diocese.

February 20, Sexagesima Sunday, ***Grand Rapids***—*St. Paul's Church*, morning, preached, confirmed eight, addressed the Sunday School, and preached in the evening.

February 24, St. Matthias' Day—***Grand Rapids***—*St. Mark's Church*—Commemorated my Consecration; morning, delivered an Address to the Clergy; in the afternoon, a devotional meeting for the Clergy was held: and in the evening, a Missionary Meeting. The occasion was one of special interest and solemnity to me, and I trust not without profit to those who gratified me by their presence and services.

February 25, Friday, ***Grand Rapids***—attended a funeral.

February 27, Quinquagesima, ***Ludington***—Grace Church, morning, preached and addressed the Sunday School: evening, preached and confirmed six.

February 28, Monday, afternoon, visited the Poor House; evening, preached. I had intended to prolong my visit through Ash Wednesday, but I was summoned away on Tuesday morning. It was God's holy will that the plans I had formed for continuous services in several Parishes during Lent should not be carried out.

March 19, 3d Sunday in Lent, ***Paw Paw***—St. Mark's Church, morning, preached: afternoon, met the Sunday School: evening, preached and confirmed five.

March 21, Tuesday, ***Coldwater***—St. Mark's, evening, preached and made an Address on Thursday morning.

March 22–23, Wednesday and Thursday, attended the meeting of the State Superintendents of the Poor, and delivered an Address.

March 24, Friday, morning, held service at the Poor House; evening, St. Mark's Church, preached and confirmed 29. This Parish have wisely determined to erect a chapel on their lot, soon I trust to be followed by a new Church. A day of spiritual prosperity is a good time for new ventures of faith and business.

March 25, Saturday, the examination of a Candidate for Deacon's Orders; afternoon, address to the children.

March 26, 4th Sunday in Lent, morning, preached, ordained a Deacon, Mr. William Matthias, late a Minister of the Methodist Society, presented by the Rev. H. J. Cook, and administered the Holy Communion. Gave the Deacon a "license to preach the Gospel in the Church of God."

Burr Oak—Grace Church, evening, baptized a child and preached. The Rev. H. Safford unites the charge of this place with Quincy. The unfinished chapel should be speedily removed and completed, else what has been expended—several hundred dollars from abroad—will be lost.

March 27, Monday, ***Quincy***—evening, preached. The lot held for a

Church has been sold and the proceeds are held to purchase in a better situation.

April 2, 5th Sunday in Lent, ***Homer***—Christ Church, morning, preached and administered the Holy Communion: afternoon, instructed the children and preached. This old Parish is very feeble.

April 3, Monday, ***Marshall***—Trinity Church, evening, preached and confirmed eight.

April 7, Friday, ***Grand Rapids***—*St. Paul's*, evening, lectured.

April 9, Sunday before Easter, ***Grand Rapids***—*St. Mark's*, morning, preached; evening, preached and confirmed thirteen.

April 10, Monday before Easter, *Good Shepherd*, evening, preached and confirmed one.

April 11, Tuesday before Easter, *Grace Church*, evening, preached.

April 12, Wednesday before Easter, *St. Paul's Church*, morning, lectured; *St. Mark's Church*, evening, preached.

April 13, Thursday before Easter, ***Kalamazoo***—St. Luke's Church, evening, preached.

April 14, Good Friday, morning, preached: *St. John's Church*, evening, preached.

April 16, Easter Day, St. Luke's Church, morning, preached, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed ten: afternoon, preached to the children. St. John's Church, evening, preached and met the parishioners in reference to the situation of the Parish. Learning that an indebtedness of $3,500 might be discharged on the payment of $2,500, and that a mortgage might be put on the Rectory and lot for $2,000, I advised this measure, and raising $500 by subscription. The Parish are in correspondence for a Rector.

April 21, Friday, ***Coopersville*** Mission, evening, preached and confirmed three. A room has been secured for services.

April 23, 1st Sunday after Easter, ***Grand Haven,*** St. John's, morning, preached and met the Sunday School: evening, preached and confirmed three. Debts contracted during a previous rectorship diminish the salary of the present Rector. I trust this year will extinguish them.

April 25, St. Mark's Day, Tuesday, ***Paw Paw***, St. Mark's Church, laid the corner stone of a chapel—an event for which there has been "long patience," and is now great joy.

April 28, Friday, ***Farwell,*** officiated in the evening and baptized three infants.

April 29, Saturday, morning, administered the Holy Communion. An earnest Church family have established a flourishing Sunday School.

April 30, 2d Sunday after Easter, ***Evart***—morning, preached and

confirmed one. ***Hersey***—evening, preached, baptized three, and confirmed four. The Rev. William Matthias, Deacon, accompanied me, and remained to officiate. He will take charge of these three places and parts adjacent. I look to this new venture with much interest, as the style of work we chiefly need in the Diocese. I have visited the places twice, and looked over the ground with much care.

May 3-4, Wednesday and Thursday, ***Jackson***—St. Paul's Church, a joint Missionary Meeting of the Dioceses of Michigan and Western Michigan: preached the *ad clerum*, and made addresses at the children's service and the Missionary Meeting.

The Hon. Samuel Higby, whose hospitalities I received, expired at his desk a week after I parted from him. With all his calmness and humility, his life spoke, "mark the perfect man and behold the upright." May God comfort the lonely home his presence made so genial, even to the guest.

May 5, Friday, ***Three Rivers***—Trinity Church, afternoon, at a special service confirmed one.

Schoolcraft—evening, preached and confirmed four.

May 6, Saturday, morning, administered the Holy Communion. The Rev. Mr. Buck takes this with other places in his voluntary Missionary charge.

May 7, 3d Sunday after Easter, ***Niles***—Trinity Church, morning, preached and administered the Holy Communion; afternoon, confirmed in private one; evening, confirmed 306 and addressed them, and one in private. Mr. James L. Glen, one of your elected Deputies to General Convention, a familiar face in the Conventions of Michigan, and an active member of this Parish, as well as influential citizen of the State, had entered into life since my last visit.

May 10, Wednesday, Grand Rapids, St. Mark's Church, evening, at a special confirmation, confirmed one.

May 14, 4th Sunday after Easter, ***Newaygo*** Mission—morning, preached and administered the Holy Communion; afternoon, met the Sunday School and held a service at the Poor House; evening, preached and confirmed four. The people have requested Mr. Morris to give them half his time, and have shown their zeal in securing a room for services.

May 19, Friday, ***Grand Rapids***—Grace Church, evening, preached and confirmed five. Notwithstanding the strength of the mother Parish, there is room in this rapidly growing city for new Parishes. Grace Church, with an edifice well adapted to aggressive work, would soon take rank as a substantial Parish. It should be our policy to strengthen the Church in the only large city in our Diocese.

May 21, 5th Sunday after Easter, ***Whitehall***—Church of the Redeemer, morning, preached and met the Sunday School; evening,

preached and confirmed five. When it is considered that for a population of 2,300 in two adjoining towns there are eleven places of worship, this little Parish has certainly made a good record during the year.

May 23, Tuesday, ***Holland***—Grace Church, met the Rector, Vestry and congregation in reference to resuming services. A very generous offer on the part of Mr. Taylor will secure services every other Sunday. I greatly regret that a mortgage for $800 has been put upon the Church property. The building was erected mainly by contributions from abroad, and the expense should not have exceeded the ample means.

May 25, Thursday, Ascension Day, ***Grand Rapids***—St. Mark's, morning, preached, confirmed twelve, and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, St. Paul's Church, preached and confirmed eight.

May 26, Friday, ***Sand Lake***—evening, made an Address to the few who had gathered in the school house. Rev. Mr. Morris has given one Sunday in the month to this place and ***Cedar Springs***, but there is not sufficient encouragement to continue the services.

May 28, Sunday after Ascension, morning, officiated at Kent County Poor House. Evening, preached at St. Mark's Church.

May 30, Tuesday, Trinity Church, Marshall, presided at the Conventional Missionary Meeting. Authorized the use of a 4th of July Service, drawn up by several Bishops.

May 31, Wednesday, attended the meeting of the Board of Missions.

The delivery of my Annual Address and the administration of the Holy Communion, this morning, terminated the duties of the year.

I have been enabled to visit all the Parishes and Missions and, what to me has been especially gratifying, twenty-two places where our services are not established. In several cases my visit was the first utterance of the voice of the Church. A number of the Parishes and Missions have had more than one visit. Indeed scarcely a call for extra visitation has been unanswered.

A purpose I had cherished to give the Lenten season to continuous services in several Parishes, was only very partially carried out, as it was not God's will that it should be.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

For the future, so large an amount of visitation, at least among the Parishes and Missions, will not be required. I have now attained that familiarity with the field which I felt was necessary to "make full proof of my ministry."

Indeed the efficiency of the office, and consequently the interests of the Diocese, will divide my time between what I may call, bureau, study, and visitation, work. The demands on time of correspondence, of keeping

suitable records, and various details, are large. If a Bishop is to be the constant, and "in season," preacher of the Word, the Ordinal contemplates, he must be diligent in study. His ministration of the Word is in some respects peculiar. And then as our position may give us prominence are we "set for the defence of the Gospel." Did Chrysostom in his age write of the Bishop as "defender of the Faith," that his pages make us tremble; what is the demand now, when fifteen more centuries have been multiplying unbeliefs and heresies, and in a day of admitted working of Satan, with "all deceivableness of unrighteousness;" that, to borrow the words of the Arch Bishop, "he who is to engage with all should understand the arts of all."

THE PROGRESS OF THE YEAR.

In the kingdom that though "not of this world" must as a kingdom among men, be built up with material as well as spiritual resources, there will be varying prosperity, as the days are, after the manner of men, good or evil. The Church has ever reason to say, "Thou hast put gladness in my heart, since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil increased."

It is not to the discredit of zeal or judgment or to the apprehension of God's favor withheld, that the Diocese may not present the statistics of decided growth. Holding our own in such times is growth. The details in this address and the parochial reports, will give the facts and figures —of a chapel erected, the foundations laid of a new church and chapel where last year even the extinction of the Church seemed to threaten, the solemn deposit of the corner stone where we had waited so long on time that time seemed to mock us, the building of a tower to complete a church that last year felt the pressure of debt, three churches no longer silent and lonely on the hallowed day, and increased salaries, and growing liberality towards the various treasuries of an active church: with what surely is not least, expanding interest and readier sacrifice in Parochial Mission work.

VACANT PARISHES AND THE CANON OF VACANT CHURCHES.

We may refer here to the occupation of our field during the year. St. Thomas', Battle Creek, has continued vacant, and only very lately has made an arrangement for services on the first Sunday in the month; Grace, Union City, has had lay reading, and has finally consented to receive clerical services quarterly; St. John's, Kalamazoo, became vacant in September and so continues; Grace, Burr Oak, for the last three months has had services every other Sunday; St. Mark's, Coldwater, and St. Andrew's, Big Rapids, were supplied early in the Conventional year; Grace, Grand Rapids, and Trinity, Niles, soon passed to the care of new Rectors; St. John's, Ionia, St. Paul's, Muskegon, and the Mission at Stur-

gis, have lately lost their Ministers. Of the Missions, Mt. Pleasant, and the Swedes' Mission, have been unsupplied: Plainwell had services until the winter drove the congregation from their unfinished chapel: South Haven has had occasional services.

The Canon, (X. Diocesan Canons,) makes a kind provision for vacant Parishes, allowing the Bishop to "appoint" clergymen to "supply" them, "at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper." But, as with many Canons, the *authority* only reaches the Clergy. The provision is void if a vestry decline to open the doors of their Church, or to provide a place for services, or, the more common difficulty, "to defray all the expenses incidental to such occasional service."

Under no circumstances may a Parish safely suspend its services. The plan of thus discharging indebtedness is rarely realized, while the work of the past is lost and that of the future is embarrassed. The Parish that sustains lay reading, through honest inability to do better, is to be commended, but it is not thus independent of clerical visits and offices.

PAROCHIAL SUSTENTATION.

The financial embarrassments of the year have already been alluded to. It has been a hard year for many of our Clergy, and yet until some things are as to-day they are very far from being, I am afraid the hard year will live in the Church, however it may be out of the Church. When you called me to go in and out among the Churches, I did not look for more, than to find the Clergy moderately comfortable, at least outside our few large towns. But neither did I expect to find the Pastor keeping within his doors lest he should meet the man who is dunning him, and having within those doors scarcely the day's sustenance. I did not expect to see the Priest of the Lord so the lowly Levite as to have literally the care of the church edifice. I did not expect to hear of the Rector told in mid-winter that the funds were exhausted and the responsibility of the Parish ceased, nor to see in his hands the pew renter's bills.

Yet I have seen and known all this. And, brethren of the Laity, because I think you do not at least *consider* all this, I speak thus plainly. I do not fear to risk any favor I may have among you by thus "opening my mouth boldly." I am no mere partizan of the Clergy, but I should be ashamed before the Master not to be their advocate. *Their* advocate? No more theirs than *yours* when I thus speak.

I repeat it, brethren, I think you do not *consider*, and that saves me from saying you do not feel. Part of the inconsideration is, the want of anything like good business management in our Parishes. How many Vestries at the beginning of the year fairly cover the expenses by pew rents or subscriptions? How many Parishes have one of their best busi-

ness men as their conscientious treasurer and collector? How many Parishes know on Easter Monday precisely where they stand? Matters are loose, and there is exactly where the trouble comes in.

THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

A plan known as the Envelope System for the collection of the Clerical support attains in many Parishes and Missions. The inquiries I have made have not left a very favorable impression on my mind as to its working. As a financial arrangement, it seems to carry with it less responsibility than the pew rent or subscription, all is so voluntary that it is difficult to approach the neglectful; as often managed, bringing in the salary in small amounts, the money is less available. The various portions gathered on every Lord's day—in some churches at both services—with all the solemnity of the Offertory, what is matter of fidelity to contract, of simple payment for services rendered, is elevated to the highest plane of charity. I confess I never hear those beautiful words which David breathed over the glittering heaps which he, because "he had set his affection to the house of his God," had of his "own proper good" given; and which the people "with perfect heart had offered willingly to the Lord;" I never hear those words that so embody the spirituality of giving, sung, as the Priest's support of the week, probably far less than is in the bond, is presented, without a feeling of the incongruity. Then this system is, as it commonly, and I fear necessarily, works, exclusive of offerings for the real charities of the Church, the giver and the giving "God loveth." The envelope system as applied to Clerical support is a poor education in charity.

Yet there is far more in the spirit than in the method. I am far more concerned with the sentiment of your minds on what you owe to those who are "over you in the Lord," far more anxious that you should receive His servants in His name, than I am desirous to destroy or to build up in the mere mode of "reaping your worldly things."

There is a right mind on this whole subject for Ministers and people, and that we may attain it must be our purpose and our prayer.

THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE DIOCESE.

Whatever future years may tell, at this present, the internal Missionary work must be the burden of a Bishop's Address as of his anxieties. It is no poor report of our home missions, that all the work marked out at the commencement of the year has been sustained. This is to be considered when we can report no expansion.

To the carefully drawn reports of the Missionary Board, I refer you for all details, and a comprehensive view of our Missionary relations.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

From the fact that less than two months before our Convention, one-third of the Parishes had made no payment on their Missionary pledges, to say nothing of how very much behind were many others, we must infer, that the requisition of the Canon—"It shall be the duty of the Minister of every Parish, Mission and Congregation in the Diocese to make a collection for Diocesan Missions once a month or by stated pledge from the members of the Parish or Congregation," is not met. And indeed the many meagre pledges, rarely exceeded, prove the same. The test which the report applies, the pledged sum divided among the communicants, shows, that in some of our households of faith there is little realization of our position. And yet I hear, of less to be pledged. Be it so! but you need not wait a year to know the results. The first meeting of the Board will, to say nothing of standing still, send out the cry of retreat—the only hope of the Church assuming more territory will wane. Remember! the only power you have given your Bishop of adding even the modest Mission, is the Missionary treasury. I am willing, and I expect, to go into every village and hamlet of the Diocese as I have opportunity, but a Bishop's visit is only a little caring for a few isolated ones, an inspection of the field: there is no "permanent planting nor watering" in this. Apostles did not plant Churches by their blessed feet touching the soil. True, this is holy work—God's work, yet I can tell you good part of a coming year's tale by a Convention's promises.

THE WORK AND WORKMEN WE NEED.

I could repeat with emphasis all that I uttered when only a quarter of a year's experience dictated to me, on the kind of labor and laborers we need. Our future Missionary history will be impressive and hopeful as it has the lines of the self-sacrificing Ministry of the district. Thus much has been attained, that the day has passed when, save exceptionally, the single town may concentrate the laborer's cares and toils. The larger towns already have our worship.

The Missionary spirit has led some Rectors to go into the towns and settlements about their Parishes. Even with our small force of Clergy, by proper division of charge, nearly all the prominent villages might be under some pastoral care—our people visited, occasionally a service held, the Holy Communion administered, the children baptized, books and tracts distributed. My brethren of the Clergy, I can say to you from some experience that you will find such ministrations very comforting to yourselves as well as beneficial to others, and amply repaying you for absence from your pressing work and your homes.

LAY WORK.

Such work will happily unite with lay effort. From the established Parishes, laymen might go out to supply the lack of ministerial service. Almost every Parish might have its Mission Sunday School. While frequently, the Sunday School and the Lay service might be sustained in the absence of all other Church privileges.

I have lately issued a Lay Reader's License, with directions and hints for the more efficient discharge of the duty.

THE CANON OF THE ORGANIZATION OF MISSIONS.

No final and complete application has been made to me under the Canon, "Of the Organization of Missions," (XIX.) If this arises from anticipated difficulties, I hope that such discussion will be had, and if necessary, amendment made, at this Convention, that a measure from which much good was anticipated may be fairly tried.

SEMI-ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING AND CONVOCATIONS.

Our Missionary work is very dependent upon stated conferences of the Clergy and Laity for its intelligence and interest. The first Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting was held at Coldwater. Able papers taking a wide range, yet all bearing on our mission of mercy and salvation, were presented by Clergymen and Laymen. The discussions were wise and earnest, and I think all felt that we must retain this feature inherited from the old Diocese. The meeting at Jackson was a reunion of the two Dioceses—on invitation of the Bishop of Michigan—a very happy and useful conference of brethren, whose personal love, and interest in each other's work, are no less real than when we were one band. I regretted that Bishop McCoskry was compelled to return home on the first day, owing to illness.

Three meetings have been held in each of the Convocations, with acknowledged benefit to the Parishes. The Clergy generally have attended. If with our limited number, such meetings are to be sustained: ordinary parochial appointments must give way, and the self-denial of interrupted study and absence from home, must not be refused. A young and small Diocese as it gives opportunity for influence beyond the Parish, so it imposes the obligation. Nothing could be more chilling to our work, than for each one selfishly to restrict his presence, his sympathy, his thoughts, his gifts of time and talent, to his own limited field. I trust that all will feel that attendance at the Missionary Meetings and Convocations—present at the opening and remaining to the close—is a duty to the Bishop, to the Clergy, and the Diocese.

SERVICES IN POOR HOUSES AND JAILS.

I have visited, generally in company with the Clergy, 11 Poor Houses, and 8 Jails, giving brief services, and at the Conference on Poverty at Coldwater read a paper on a State School for Idiots—the next advance our State should make in her noble houses of mercy. I trust that every Parish within the reach of the Poor House or the Jail, will read its duty in its creed of a "Saviour of all men," and the grace of God that knows no hopeless depths of ignorance or sin.

GENERAL MISSIONS AND CHURCH OBJECTS.

The General Board has continued the grant of one thousand dollars. The Report, October, 1875, shows a creditable attention to our obligations, yet even Domestic Missions were only remembered by 18 Parishes and Stations; while our plan of an annual collection in every Parish and Mission, for each branch of our general Missions, was so far neglected that nearly one hundred collections were omitted. Some of our independent Parishes have only blank columns in the tabular statement. This much every Minister can do—read the appeal, explain the object, urge his people to give, and hand the plates to "the Wardens or other fit persons"—and I know not where his excuse can be found when this is not done. It is a significant fact that where there have been no collections for the General Board, there the pledges for the Diocesan Board are behind, showing, I think, that, to say the least, want of system is the chief difficulty.

In order to sustain our Candidates for the Holy Ministry, I was compelled to seek aid from the Society for the Increase of the Ministry to the amount of $725, requiring us to return one-half this sum to the Society. At this date only $243.51 has been collected. In future, I must ask the Parishes in advance, what they will pay. Should there be no increase on the past year, you can read the result as easily as myself. You may safely calculate that the sum required will not be less. Fifteen cents to a Communicant is not a very large demand in a Church that is mourning over the decrease in her Candidates.

PROVISION FOR PAYMENT OF DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

I had intended to propose provision for a Bishop's Charity Fund, by a collection in each Parish at or near the time of the Visitation, as in several Dioceses. A contribution from a friend last year of $250 served me admirably in this behalf. Such a fund were as useful as to a Rector the Communion Alms. But I waive the matter to ask what is only justice to others—that provision may be made to pay the traveling expenses at least of the Clergy, who are on the Standing Committee, and the Board

of Missions, and who are Examining Chaplains. It is not a Churchly principle that these important positions should be filled only by those who hold the better cures in the Diocese. Slender, insufficient income should not be taxed when the Diocese claims the service, and the duty of attendance should be made imperative.

I have long detained you with matters that may seem only of the detail of our work, yet the very life of our Diocese is concerned with such details. I will ask your further attention to two topics of wider relation.

RITUAL UNIFORMITY.

It must be conceded that there has been of late years an increasing disposition to relax from the uniformity that previously characterized our Services. The explanation may be, needed adaptation in a growing Church, while the very "lengthening of the cords and strengthening of the stakes," may allow the departure from the more rigid rule. Our General Convention, in its guarded legislation in reference to a ritualism which it has condemned, has recognized the larger liberty of the day. And especially in giving the emphatic endorsement to, not only the use of the Morning Prayer, the Litany, and the order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper as "*distinct services*," but "*either of them without the others*."

But it must not be assumed, that such liberty has been given to Parishes through their Rectors, or even Dioceses, that Rubrics have become obsolete, and the Article "Of the Traditions of the Church," is made void.

The very permission to which reference has been made, was no doubt intended as a concession entrusted with a loyal Clergy who would conscientiously interpret, "when desirable," and not a liberty that would deprive willing worshippers of any one of our time honored, soul refreshing services.

Uniformity for its own sake is very precious to all true Churchmen, and the Church has not abandoned what she has made her praise—go where you will there is the same Liturgy. A Diocese should present as far as may be the same "use." An unusual manner of response or united supplication, or the introduction of the spiritual song where it is not provided for, or the use of a prayer that has no sanction, may aid true devotion: yet this is unhappily secured by the violation of a great principle, and those who are loyal will not lend aid to the presumptuous and heady.

The most marked departure I have noticed in the Diocese from the Rubric, is in connection with the Offertory. In some Churches, no regard is had to the "Sentences." In others, only a single sentence is read, the organ or a hymn filling the interval till the Alms basin is "brought to the Priest."

Now, while the Rubric reads, "The Minister saying *one* or more of these sentences," the large provision would imply that "*more*" are ordinarily to be said. And the Rubric at the close has—"Whilst these sentences are in reading the Deacons, &c., shall receive the Alms." Certainly the mind of the Church is better carried out by the Scriptures of Almsgiving being read as the appeal to the people, than by hymnody selected rather for the favorite words or the musical execution.

The rising when the offerings are presented is in analogy with the language—"And reverently bring it to the Priest, who shall humbly present and place it upon the Holy Table"—And in the prayer, "We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations," while it is the expression of the Church's high thoughts of "bestowing our goods."

THE CENTENNIAL YEAR.

As Churchmen we can scarcely be unmindful of this Centennial year, any more than as patriots. The mind and heart that do not turn in pride and affection to our country, that in a single century has made the gain of centuries in material wealth, and in the higher acquisitions of learning and art, and has not fallen behind the nations of a longer ancestry and more settled life, though we could wish that she had led them, in morals and religion; have not expanded to the charity that is "greatest." Was the Jew charged, "Seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives and pray unto the Lord for it," how much more do we, dwelling in the land of our birth or purchased birth-right, a land ample in its privileges as in its territory, so "beautiful for situation," so lavish for thrift and happiness, owe the loyalty of the citizen and the love of the Christian.

Among the topics that may reasonably share our attention in the pulpit, are—the place of Christianity in our Common Law, and consequently its relations to our public affairs and institutions, a question that is pressing more and more upon the Nation, and the decision of which may not be delayed in the coming Century; the review of our faults and confession of our degeneracy as a people; the conformity of this Church to the principles of the government and its record of sympathy and service as an American Church; and our annals on these shores with their profitable lessons.*

I will release your further attention, my brethren.

We assemble with the prayers of the Churches. Let us enter upon our work with the seriousness that will save us from hasty action, the charity that will secure the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost, looking unto Jehovah to make our weakness strength, and cause all to redound to His glory in the advance and welfare of his Church.

*See Anderson's History of the Colonial Church, Collections of the Protestant Episcopal Historical Society, Bishop White's Memoirs of the P. E. Church in the U. S. of America, Wilberforce's History of the P. E. Church in America, Colonial Churches of Virginia, Church Review, vols. v. vi.

The following lists and acts complete the record which I am required by Canon to lay before the Convention:

LAY READERS. (Holding license till Easter, 1877.)

William J. Stuart, St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, April 27, 1876.
Samuel L. Fuller, " " " "
Elijah Keeler, Portland, May 9, 1876.
William H. Sparling, Evart, May 18, 1876.

POSTULANTS.

John Frederick Nitschke, of St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, admitted June 12, 1875. Cheshire Academy, Conn.

Horace Gates, of St. Paul's Church, Muskegon. Admitted June 25th, 1875. Nashotah Preparatory School.

Eugene J. Babcock, of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids. Admitted December 1, 1875. Union College, Schenectady, New York.

CANDIDATES.

For Deacon's Orders:

Charles Taylor Wood, of the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall. Admitted August 7, 1873. Racine College, Racine, Wisconsin.

William Matthias, late "an ordained Minister," in the Methodist "Denomination," of Trinity Church, Niles. Admitted September 2, 1875, under the charge of the Rev. John Coleman. Ordained Deacon.

For Priest's Orders:

Rev. William Matthias, (Deacon.) Admitted March 26, 1876.

ORDINATIONS.

To the Diaconate:

March 26, 1876, 4th Sunday in Lent, in St. Mark's Church, Coldwater, Mr. William Matthias, presented by the Rev. Herbert J. Cook.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

August 28, 1875, the Rev. Seth S. Chapin, to Ecclesiastical Authority of Michigan. Accepted September 6, 1875.

February 25, 1876, the Rev. John W. Clark, to Ecclesiastical Authority of Michigan. Accepted February 28, 1876.

April 27, 1876, the Rev. Albert W. Snyder, to Ecclesiastical Authority of Central New York. Accepted April 29, 1876.

LETTERS DIMISSORY ACCEPTED.

May 30, 1875, the Rev. Joseph S. Large, from Ecclesiastical Authority of Indiana, and has become the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.

June 10, 1875, the Rev. Herbert J. Cook, from Ecclesiastical Authority of Central New York, and has become the Rector of St. Mark's Church, Coldwater.

January 14, 1876, the Rev. William H. Knowlton, from Ecclesiastical Authority of Minnesota, and has become the Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids, with the charge of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

March 10, 1876, the Rev. Robert McMurdy, D. D., LL. D., from Ecclesiastical Authority of Illinois, and has become the Rector of Trinity Church, Niles.

CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE.

June 1, 1875, the Rev. Robert Wood has become the Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall.

September 30th, 1875, the Rev. Colley A. Foster, LL. D., resigned the charge of St. John's Church, Kalamazoo, and has become a Missionary in the vicinity of Kalamazoo.

January 4, 1876, the Rev. John Coleman resigned the charge of Trinity Church, Niles.

November 7, 1875, the Rev. Henry Safford adds the charge of Grace Church, Burr Oak, to the Mission at Quincy.

May 17, 1876, the Rev. W. Forgus, of the Diocese of Indiana, terminated his connection with the Mission at Sturgis.

CORNER STONE LAID.

April 25, 1876, St. Mark's Church, Paw Paw.

CHURCHES CONSECRATED.

October 13, 1875, Grace Church, Ludington.

CONSENT TO CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS.

November 12, 1875, the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, D. D., as Bishop of Fond du Lac.

November 20, 1875, the Rev. William Edward McLaren, D. D., as Bishop of Illinois.

NOTICES OF DEPOSITION.

June 11, 1875—Joseph H. McElroy, by the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

September 28, 1875—Thompson L. Smith, by the Bishop of Kansas.

November 24, 1875—John Robertson, by the Bishop of Massachusetts.

December 10, 1875—George A. Reddler and A. M. Morrison, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania.

January 28, 1876—John B. Large, Deacon, by the Bishop of Indiana.

February 23, 1876—Magruder Maury, by the Bishop of Virginia.

March 14, 1876—Edmund Charles Colman, Deacon, by the Bishop of Ohio.

March 10, 1876—P. F. Stevens, by the Bishop of South Carolina.

April 26, 1876—George R. Coggeshall, by the Bishop of Rhode Island.

May 16, 1876—John K. Dunn, by the Bishop of Kansas.

FUNDS RECEIVED.

From St. Mark's Industrial Band of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, for St. Matthias' Mission, Eaton Rapids, . .	$40 00
From the same, for the Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	10 00
From a friend in New York, an order for Prayer Books.	
From the Diocese of Ohio, to be used under my direction,	200 00
From the Sunday School of the Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids, for General Missionary.	10 00

SERVICES OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE.

June 10–11, 1875—Attendance at the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan at Flint. Address page 55.

June 12 to July 15, 1875—Services in the Diocese of Ohio. Address page 55.

August 8, 1875—Services at Minneapolis, Minn. Address page 56.

September 22, 1875—A wedding at Milford. Address page 57.

October 25–29—New York, Board of Missions, and Meeting of the House of Bishops. Address page 58.

October 31, Services at Stockbridge, Mass. Address page 58.

December 8, Chicago—Consecration of the Rev. Edward William McLaren, D. D. Address page 60.

PASTORAL LETTERS ISSUED. (See Appendix B.)

June 19, 1875—Convocations.

August 7, 1875—For Collections for the Society for the Increase of the Ministry.

August 20, 1875—Assigning Districts for Missionary work.

September 14, 1875—An Address of the Board of Missions.

October 7, 1875—A Form of Service for Thanksgiving Day.

November 17, 1875—The Day of Intercession for Missions.

April 18, 1876—The Joint Missionary Meeting of the Dioceses of Michigan and Western Michigan.

May 1, 1876—The approaching Convention.

SUMMARY.

Baptized (13 adults, 24 infants),	37
Of these not recorded in Parish Registers, 8 adults, 17 infants.	
Married,	1
Buried,	1
Preached,	139
Delivered Addresses, not including Confirmation,	35
Children's Services and Addresses,	35
Celebrated the Holy Communion,	42
Confirmed in 24 Parishes and 14 Stations and other places,	540
Corner stone laid,	1
Churches Consecrated,	1
Ordained to the Diaconate,	1
Organized Parishes visited, 32; other places, 34; visited twice, 23; three times, 7; four times, 1; five times, 1.	
Total number of visitations,	110
Clergymen received,	4
" transferred,	3
" in the Diocese changing Parishes,	2

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE.

APPENDIX B.

Pastoral Letters Issued by the Bishop

I.—DEFINING CONVOCATIONS.

Agreeably to the authority given by the Canon, I hereby divide the Diocese into two Convocations, the line of division being the South line of the Counties of Ottawa, Kent and Ionia—to be known as the Convocation of Grand Rapids, and the Convocation of Kalamazoo.

The objects of the Convocations are:

1. Holding services in the Parishes or Missions, especially to quicken a Missionary interest.

2. Imparting a healthy unity among the Clergy and the Congregations.

3. Enabling the Clergy, in conference with the Bishop, to devise plans for extending the services of the Church, and watching over our scattered members.

4. Having the Holy Communion, mutual prayer and brotherly conference.

These several objects are of such value, that I trust the Clergy will recognize the obligation of attendance, even when parochial plans must be set aside; and that the neighboring Parishes will be represented by the Laity at the place of meeting. I also suggest to the Vestries to make provision for the expenses of their Ministers attending the Meetings. The Convocation system may be made the means of strength and growth to our young Diocese.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

II.—FOR COLLECTIONS FOR THE SOCIETY FOR THE INCREASE OF THE MINISTRY.

To the Clergy and Laity:

DEAR BRETHREN,—The Society for the Increase of the Ministry have granted to our Diocese seven hundred and twenty-five dollars for the year commencing October 1, 1875. I have been compelled to ask for this sum to meet the absolute necessities of two postulants and two candidates; one of the former and one of the latter were studying when I assumed charge of the Diocese.

According to the terms on which the Society aids us, this grant will require us to pay into their Treasury three hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty cents.

I therefore earnestly solicit from every Parish and Mission, a collection for the Society, on the Ember Sunday, Seventeenth after Trinity, September 19, having reference to the sum required. When one great demand of the Church is for an increased Ministry, and we are constantly praying for laborers to be sent forth into the vineyard; how can we refuse those who answer to the call, and who, after most careful scrutiny, seem to be "moved by the Holy Ghost," and who promise usefulness in the Master's service?

The sum asked for is indeed far beyond what our Parishes have generally raised for this cause, but if we are to meet the intentions and hopes in creating a new Diocese, we must be ready to satisfy larger demands for all Diocesan objects.

I respectfully suggest to my brethren of the Clergy, to take the opportunity of this collection to impress upon their congregations, the dignity and blessedness of the Christian Ministry, as stewards of the manifold mysteries of God to call faithful men as Christ's ambassadors to a lost but redeemed world, to urge on parents the dedication of their sons to the service of the altar, and thus to meet the full intent of the institution of Ember Days.

Very sincerely yours in Christ and His Church,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

III.—ASSIGNING DISTRICTS FOR MISSIONARY WORK.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY, 1875.

Rev. and Dear Mr.——

The Convocation, acting on my suggestion, assigns you the County of——for Missionary work. What is sought is, to extend some care over our scattered people, to make known the Church, and ascertain points favorable for our permanent services. These ends will be reached, by correspondence, visits, services, distribution of Prayer Books, Tracts, Church Almanacs, and Church Papers, establishing Sunday Schools and Lay Services. While I know how many and onerous are your duties, I trust you will be able to give some time and study to this effort to care for our people and enlarge our borders. Our Missionary means are exhausted and this is all we can do at present.

I shall be able to supply you with such books, etc., as you may need, and will aid you all in my power. Please report at the Convocation.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

IV.—ADDRESS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

DEAR BRETHREN: As members of the Board of Missions, appointed by you, through the Convention, and acting in your behalf, we desire to address you on the great interests committed to our trust.

We recognize the responsibility of dispensing the funds pledged by the Parishes, and have by inquiries addressed to the Vestries, and the Clergy serving Missions, endeavored to ascertain the precise condition of each field asking aid.

In making appropriations, we have in most cases annexed such conditions as seemed just to the Diocese, and for the interests of the Stations; acting on the principle that Missionary aid should only meet deficiency, after the utmost efforts at self-support.

We trust that the Missions will be glad to relinquish aid in part, or entirely, as early as practicable. With our limited resources, long continued stipends must impede Church expansion, while they dampen Missionary interest.

Our earnest desire is, that Missions may be in perfect sympathy with our plans, and give us their cheering confidence.

The sum placed at our disposal, including the payment of balance from the Diocese of Michigan, is about two thousand dollars. This amount

has been voted in stipends of from fifty to four hundred dollars, to twelve Missionaries, supplying twenty-three Stations. One thousand dollars, granted by the Committee for Domestic Missions to the Bishop, has been dispensed by him to seven Missionaries, in each case as addition to Diocesan aid.

We are solicitous that the Diocesan Missionary work for the year shall not be limited to our present expansion.

The pledges average less than sixty-five cents to a Communicant. In some Parishes the promised sum is only eleven and fifteen cents to a Communicant—only in one Parish is it more than a dollar to a Communicant.

The Pledge of your own Parish is——dollars, being——to a Communicant. Surely this is not the zeal of a new Diocese, nor the measure of parochial and individual responsibility.

We beg the Parishes not to limit their efforts by the sums pledged. Let this be only the starting point. The Canonical requirement—"to make a collection once a month, or by stated pledge from the members of the Parish or Congregation"—will, if carried out with the constant presentation of facts and arguments by the Clergy, certainly go far towards increasing the pledge.

The Diocese should understand, that with only two self-supporting Parishes vacant, our growth as a Diocese depends entirely, under Heaven, upon the Missionary money at the command of the Board. To-day, with many fields we would fain supply, we cannot listen to a single offer to exercise the sacred stewardship within our bounds.

The plan of a General Missionary, approved by the Convention, and the argument for which is constantly developing, may not move for want of money. We commend this particular plan of our operations, as a noble opportunity for special subscriptions from laymen of ability.

The business efficiency of our work will require prompt remittance of the collections. Our Treasurer must not be expected to advance funds, nor may our Missionaries be allowed to draw on him in vain.

Finally, we commend this work, dear brethren, to your sympathy and your prayers. It is the work of the Church in which you have the "means of grace," and rejoice in the "hope of glory"—the very work that it was His meat to do Who bore in His agonized form "the chastisement of our peace," and Whom we call our Lord and Saviour. It is the work to which, pledged in our Baptism, we dedicate ourselves, as often as we approach the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ: the work, which, neglected, may on the last great day cause the terrible

malediction, "I never knew you," to fall upon us; which having our loving, believing service will draw us to our Reedemer's side with, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan;
For the Members of the Board.

Kalamazoo, Sept. 14, 1875.

V.—THE DAY OF INTERCESSION FOR MISSIONS.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

DEAR BRETHREN: The House of Bishops has heartily commended the observance of St. Andrew's day, as a day of intercession for Missions. I desire to express my earnest wish, that the day may be honored in all our Parishes and Missions. In some cases, but few may assemble, but when may we rather expect the presence of our Lord with "the two or three," than when we are met to pray that his "kingdom may come." The service for the day will be sent from New York. The Reports of the Committees and the Missionary Bishops, lately published, will furnish intelligence that may profitably be presented. They may be had on application at 22 Bible House, New York.

Very sincerely,
GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

VI.—THE JOINT MISSIONARY MEETING.

To the Clergy of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

GRAND RAPIDS, April 11th, 1876.

DEAR BRETHREN: The Bishop of Michigan extends a cordial invitation to our Diocese, to attend and participate in the services of their Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting, at Jackson, May 3d and 4th. At the time of our separation such a re-union was suggested. It will be very gratifying for us to meet our former Diocesan and the Brethren with whom most of us have been associated. I trust that many of you will be present. Our own meeting will be omitted. The Bishop of Michigan, has placed the names of some of our Clergy among the appointments.

Yours Very Sincerely,
GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

VII.—THE APPROACHING CONVENTION.

DEAR BRETHREN: I am very solicitous that the approaching Convention should prove of value to the Diocese in all its interests. I am persuaded that the Convention may be a blessed means of union and zeal in all our work.

Let every Parish endeavor to send the full number of Delegates, interested persons, who will remain till the adjournment. Let us assemble under the benison of the appropriate prayer offered on two previous Sundays.

And let us enter on the work of another year free from indebtedness, a result only to be secured by every Parish and Mission discharging fully its pledge and assessment. The vacancy of a Parish will not excuse from this obligation.

Praying God to bless your household of faith, sincerely yours in Christ,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

APPENDIX C.

Parochial Reports.

Digest of the Canons, Title I, Canon 12, Section IV, (3); Canon 15, Section 1 Canons of Western Michigan, VIII.

NOTE.—The date annexed to the Parish is that of its Incorporation; that to the Rector's name, of the commencement of his Rectorship.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ALBION, CALHOUN COUNTY. (1840.)

The Rev. GERRET E. PETERS, Rector. (1870.)

Frederick Wheelock, M. D., Charles Howard Daskam, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 6; adults, 6; total, 12. Confirmed, 2.	
Communicants—Last reported, 65; admitted, 2; received, 2; total added, 4; removed, 2; dropped, 1; total lost, 3; present number—males, 15; females, 51; total,	66
Marriages, 3; Burials, 8.	
Public Services—Sundays, 46; week days, 59. Total, -	105
Holy Communion—Public, 13.	
Congregation—Families, 67; adults, 185.	
Catechising—number of times, 11.	
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 4; female, 6. Total,	10
Pupils, male, 28; female, 67. Total, -	95

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 18 44	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,295 74	
By the Sunday School, for current expenses and Parochial purposes, - - - -	114 86	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$1,429 04

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - -	$10 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	14 20	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	1 70	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		$25 90

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$2 05	
Foreign Missions,	3 00	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	4 10	
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions,	2 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$ 11 15
Total of Offerings,		1,466 09

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $51.84; Pew Rents, 1,059.90, part paid by the Envelope System; Subscriptions, 115.00; the whole amount from the Sunday School, 116.86.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $5,000.

[Bishop's Address, pages 56, 59, 62.]

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, ALLEGAN, ALLEGAN COUNTY. (1860.)

The Rev. Walter Scott, Rector. (1875.)

Augustus Lilly, Dan J. Arnold, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 7; Adults 1: Total, 8. Confirmed, 4.	
Communicants—Last reported, 67; admitted, 4; received, 2; total added, 6; died, 1; present number, male, 26; female, 46; total,	72
Marriages, 1; Burials, 5.	
Public Services—Sundays, 104; week days, 49; total,	153
Holy Communion—Public, 14.	
Congregation—Families, 41; adults, 115; children, 65; total,	180
Catechising—Number of times, 40.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 5; female, 8; total,	13
Pupils, male, 36; female, 30; total,	66
Average attendance,	42
Parish Library—Number of volumes,	25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$1,150 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	55 00	
Insurance of Church building,	80 00	
Ladies' Mite Society for Parochial purposes,	100 00	
By the Sunday School for Parochial purposes, (Easter offering,)	74 00	
By the Sunday School, current expenses,	35 00	
Total for Parochial objects,		$1,494 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$30 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	11 08	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	4 20	
By the Sunday School for St. Matthias' Chapel, Eaton Rapids,	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$55 28

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$2 25	
Foreign Missions,	2 25	
Home Missions for Colored People,	1 00	
Indian Missions,	1 50	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	5 25	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$ 12 25
Total of Offerings,		$1,561 53

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $333.51; the Envelope System, 946.49; Individual Gifts, 40.00; Women's Associations, 122.53; the whole amount from the Sunday School, 119.00. Total, 1,561.53.

Value of Church property—The Church, $8,000.

Five services have been held at the County Poor House. Services were also held every three weeks at Plainwell, from June 1st to October.

[Bishop's Address, pages 55, 61.]

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BATTLE CREEK, CALHOUN COUNTY. (1842.)

VACANT—REPORTED BY THE WARDENS.

Chas. S. Gray, Chas. F. Bock, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 75; died, 2; removed, 2; total lost, 4. Present number,	71
Marriages, 1; Burials, 2.	
Public Services—5.	
Holy Communion—Public, 4.	
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, Male, 3; Female, 8; total,	11
Pupils, Male, 43; Female, 50; total,	93
Average Attendance,	69

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 21 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	100 00	
Collected on subscription for new Church,	6,000 00	
By the Ladies toward furnishing new Church,	289 56	
By the Sunday School, for expenses,	17 46	
" " for Janitor,	5 00	
" " for Chancel window,	67 10	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$6,500 12

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$18 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$28 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$10 00	
Foreign Missions,	5 00	
Home Missions for Colored People,	5 00	
Indian Missions,	5 00	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	15 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$40 00
Total of Offerings,		$6,568 12

[Bishop's Address, pages 54, 59.]

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BIG RAPIDS, MECOSTA COUNTY. (1869.)

The Rev. JOSEPH S. LARGE, Rector. (1875.)

Calvin Nottingham, J. M. Raper, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 6; Adults, 1; total,	7
Confirmed—4.	
Communicants—Last reported, 54; admitted, 5; received, 2; total added, 7; removed, 2; present number, male, 5; female, 54; total,	59
Marriages—5; burials, 4.	
Public Services—Sundays, 104; week days, 30; total,	134
Holy Communion—Public, 14.	
Congregation—Families, 50; adults, 110; Children, 85; total,	195
Catechising—Number of times, 10.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 9; total,	10
Pupils, male, 42; female, 46; total,	88
Average attendance, 56.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 28 43	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,060 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	110 81	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School,	50 73	
By the Sunday School, Easter offering for bell,	25 32	
Total for Parochial objects,		$1,275 29

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$15 00	
Expenses of Convocation,	10 22	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	5 31	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		30 53

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$11 00	
Foreign Missions,	8 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		19 00
Total of Offerings,		$1,324 82

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $323.00; Subscriptions, 485.77; Women's Association, $340.00; Total, 1,248.77. The whole amount from the Sunday School, 76.05.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $6,000.

There are various Missionary points within the limits of this District, as Hersey, Evart, Manton, Clam Lake, &c., all of which the Bishop has visited, and some of them twice during the past year.

[Bishop's Address, pages 56, 59.]

GRACE CHURCH, BURR OAK, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY. (1868.)

The Rev. HENRY SAFFORD, Rector. (1876.)

A. F. Schmidt, Wm. Morris, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infant, 1.		
Communicants—Last reported, 10; Present number, Male, 3; Female, 7; total,		10
Marriages, 1.		
Public Services—Sundays, 22; week days, 1; total,		23
Holy Communion—Public, 4; Private, 1.		
Congregation—Families, 7.		
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, Male, 1; Female, 2; total,		3
Pupils, Male, 6; Female, 2; total,		8
Average Attendance,		8
Parish Library—Number of Volumes,		100

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$34 83	
Total of Offerings,		$34 83

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $7.98; Subscriptions, 20.00; Individual Gifts, 6.55.

Value of Church Property—The Church, 500.00.

Our services are well attended, and our congregations are increasing. Still the necessity of removing the Church Building, now in an unfinished condition, is imperative, and we are giving this matter some attention, with a little prospect of accomplishing it, when we may expect greater prosperity. Our people are in good heart, and we are confident that they will be persuaded to labor for Christ and the Church with a zeal they have never before known. May God give us his blessing.

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CEDAR SPRINGS, KENT COUNTY. (1875.)

The Rev. MOSELEY MORRIS, Missionary.

Baptized—Infant, 1. Communicants—Present number, 2.
Public Services, 13.

Contributions—For the Missionary,		$4 50	
For Diocesan Missions,		2 04	
Total of Offerings,			$6 54

[Bishop's Address, page 66.]

ST. JOHN'S MISSION, CHARLOTTE, EATON COUNTY. (1874.)

The Rev. JOHN L. TAYLOR, Missionary. (1874.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 1; total, 3; confirmed, 1.	
Communicants—Last reported, 14; admitted, 2; received, 4; total added, 6; removed, 1; present number, male, 5; female, 14; total,	19
Public Services—Sundays, 102; week days, 15; total,	117
Holy Communion—Public, 12.	
Congregation—Families, 12.	
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 2; female, 4; total	6
Pupils, male, 7; female, 16; Bible class, 7; total,	30

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

The Sunday School,	$ 11 80	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	236 00	
Organ,	145 50	
Clergyman's traveling expenses,	50 00	
Present to Clergyman in work and material,	30 00	
By the Sunday School, for its own support,	14 60	
Towards a Bishop's chair.	17 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$504 90

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	$1 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		1 50
Total of Offerings,		$506 40

Value of Church Property—The Church, $800; other property, $300.

[Bishop's Address, pages 56, 62.]

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, COLDWATER, BRANCH COUNTY. (1848.)

The Rev. HERBERT J. COOK, Rector. (1875.)

Noah P. Loveridge, Alex. A. Boutell, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 14; adults, 15; total 29. Confirmed, 34.	
Communicants—Last reported, 114; admitted, 34; received, 3; total added, 37; died, 3; removed, 5; total lost, 8; present number, Male, 33; Female, 107; total,	140
Marriages, 4; Burials, 15.	
Public Services—Sundays, 102; week days, 104; total, -	206
Holy Communion—Public, 20.	
Congregation—Families, 90; adults, 104; children, 96; total,	200
Catechising—Number of times, 20.	
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 4; female, 11; total,	15
Pupils, male, 38; female, 43; total, - -	81
Average attendance, - - -	60
Parish Library—Number of volumes, - - - - -	600

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 87 83	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,489 24	
By the Sunday School, for set of Books, Altar Service,	18 00	
" for current expenses, -	34 02	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$1,629 09

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - -	$40 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	14 84	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	4 70	
Chapel, Eaton Rapids, - - - -	10 00	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions, -	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		$79 54

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	$15 70	
Foreign Missions, - - - - -	12 56	
Home Missions for Colored People, - -	6 94	
Indian Missions, - - - - -	6 14	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, - -	7 71	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		49 05
Total of Offerings, . . .		$1,757 68

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $268.55; Pew Rents, 1,217.92; the Envelope System, 40.00; Women's Associations, 43.57; the whole amount from the Sunday School, 62.02; other sources, 125.62. Total, 1,757.68.

Value of Church Property—The Church, 2,500; other property, 3,000. Total, 5,500.

[Bishop's Address, pages 56, 59, 63.]

ST. MARK'S MISSION, COOPERSVILLE, OTTAWA COUNTY. (1874.)

The Rev. MOSELEY MORRIS, Missionary. (1874.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 1; adults, 3: total, 4; confirmed 3.
Communicants—Last reported, 8; admitted, 3; present number, male, 3; female, 8; total, - - - - 11
Public Services—Sundays, 26; week days, 2; total, - - 28
Holy Communion—Public, 3.
Congregation—Families, 12; adults, 15; children, 20; total, 35
Catechising—Number of times, 13.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 4; total, 8
Pupils, male, 6; female, 20; total, - - 26
Average attendance, 15.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$64 71	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$64 71

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - -	$2 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	74	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	2 90	
St. Mark's Home, - - - - -	1 73	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		7 37

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	$2 20	
Foreign Missions, - - - -	1 18	
Home Missions for Colored People, - -	1 63	
Indian Missions, - - - -	1 62	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, - -	2 92	
Nashotah Theological School, - - -	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		10 55
Total of offerings, - -		$82 63

[Bishop's Address, page 64.]

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, COURTLAND, KENT COUNTY. (1860.)

The Rev. MOSELEY MORRIS, Rector. (1871.)
Joseph Salkeld, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3.
Communicants—Last reported, 14; died, 2; present number, male, 1; female, 11; total, ... 12
Burials, 3. Public Services—Sundays, 13; total, . . 13
Holy Communion—Public, 1.
Congregation—Families, 25; adults, 30; children, 35; total, 65

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish Maintenance,	$74 50	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$74 50

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	10 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	1 58	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		11 58

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	.85	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		85
Total of Offerings,		$86 93

[Bishop's Address, page 60.]

ST. MATTHIAS' MISSION, EATON RAPIDS, EATON COUNTY. (1874.)

The Rev. JOHN L. TAYLOR, Missionary. (1874.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 1; adults, 3; total, 4; confirmed, 4.	
Communicants—Last reported, 14; admitted, 3; received, 2; total added, 5; removed, 1; suspended or dropped, 1; total lost, 2; present number, male, 2; female, 15; total, 17	17
Burials—2; Public Services—Sundays, 53; week days, 75; total	128
Holy Communion—Public, 8.	
Congregation—Families, 16.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 4; total	7
Pupils, male, 8; female, 11; Bible class, 7; total	26

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$268 99	
New Church,	1,150 00	
Church lot, (given abroad,)	*500 00	
Another lot, (individual gift,)	200 00	
Taxes,	6 81	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1,625 80

*This sum is not included in the total of offerings from this Mission, because, as will be seen, some, if not all, of it is reported in the contributions of various Parishes.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$5 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	2 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		7 00
Total of Offerings,		$1,632 80

Value of Church Property—The Church, $1,700.00; other property, 300.00.

Bishop's Address, pages 56, 62.]

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ELK RAPIDS, ANTRIM COUNTY. (Reorganized, 1871.)

The Rev. ALBERT C. LEWIS, Rector. (1869.)

James P. Brand, Edwin S. Noble, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 9; adults, 4; total, 13. Confirmed, 7.	
Communicants—Last reported, 21; admitted, 13; received, 3; total added, 16; removed, 1; present number, male, 16; female, 26; total,	36
Marriages, 1; Burials, 6.	
Public Services—Sundays, 71; week days, 18; total,	89
Holy Communion—Public, 14.	
Congregation—Families, 26; adults, 62; children, 54; total,	116
Catechising—Number of times, 37.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 7; total,	8
Pupils, male, 21; female, 19; total,	40
Average attendance,	30

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 60 21	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	700 00	
Ladies' Guild,	90 07	
By the Sunday School, for papers.	12 86	
Present to Rector,	83 55	
Total for Parochial objects,		$946 69

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$30 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	14 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	7 09	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	15 00	
Personal Pledge,	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$71 09

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$5 55	
Foreign Missions,	1 00	
Home Missions for Colored People,	1 00	
Indian Missions,	1 00	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	1 00	
Nashotah Theological School,	15 00	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies.	7 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$31 55
Total of Offerings,		$1,049 33

Built a new house, which may be the future Rectory, and now occupy the same.

Hope to build a Chapel before Fall. Our people feel the need of one. I think it a moral and religious, if not a financial, necessity. God grant we may succeed.

[Bishop's Address, page 60.]

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, GRAND HAVEN, OTTAWA COUNTY. (1866.)

The Rev. Wm. Stowe, Rector. (1874.)

Thomas Friant, S. C. Mower, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 23; adults, 2; total, 25. Confirmed, 3.	
Communicants—Last reported, 87; admitted, 3; received, 1; total added, 4; died, 1; present number—males, 27; females, 63; total,	90
Marriages, 3; Burials, 1.	
Public Services—Sundays, 100; week days, 86. Total,	186
Holy Communion—Public, 15; private, 1.	
Congregation—Families, 35.	
Catechising—Monthly.	
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 2; female, 8. Total,	10
Pupils, male, 24; female, 46. Total,	70
Average attendance, 41.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 14 50	
By aid Relief Society for the Poor,	79 32	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	750 00	
Interest on mortgage on Rectory,	125 00	
Diminution of Parish debt, partly by relinquishment and discount of bills,	145 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School purposes,	14 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1,127 82

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	*$13 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	2 00	
By the Sunday School for Diocesan Missions,	2 25	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$17 25

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	3 70	
By the Sunday School, for Indian Missions,	2 25	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$ 5 95
Total of Offerings,		1,151 02

Indebtedness of the Parish, $1,510.00.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $6,000; Rectory, $1,800; total, $7,800.

[Bishop's Address, pages 56, 64.]

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION, GRAND LEDGE, EATON COUNTY. (1875.)

The Rev. John W. Clark, Missionary, residing at Lansing.

Communicants—Present number, male, 1; female, 4; total, 5.

The first service ever held in this place was upon Thursday evening, after St. Andrew's Day, December 2, 1875, the Rev. John W. Clark, then Rector of St. John's Church, Ionia, officiating.

The name, St. Andrew's, was given in view of the season, and after the last Parochial charge of Bishop Gillespie, St. Andrew's, Ann Arbor.

Service was held regularly on one evening of every week, until Mr. Clark removed to Lansing, Diocese of Michigan, and has been continued by him since, interrupted only by occasional duty elsewhere, and by a severe illness of some week's duration in the month of May. Mr. Clark has spent one entire Sunday here.

There are but few Communicants, but the attendance has always been good, averaging at least, 50. The services are held in a small Chapel belonging to the Presbyterian Society, not used by them, but rented to the School Board. Offerings have been taken from the first, and all necessary expenses have been fully met by the attendants.

At Waconsta, Diocese of Michigan, only seven miles distant, there are about 15 Communicants, who, if Sunday services were established, would unite with the people of Grand Ledge, to sustain the Church.

*Of this amount $10 by the Rector.

GRACE CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY. (1876.)

The Rev. WILLIAM HENRY KNOWLTON, Rector. (1875.)

Timothy I. Tanner, Charles B. Mosher, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 12; Adults 12; Total, 24. Confirmed, 5.

Communicants—Last reported, 53; received, 12; removed, 3; not to be found, 11; total lost, 14: present number, male, 15; female, 36; total, - - 51

Burials—2.

Public Services—Sundays, 64; week days, 55; total, - 119

Holy Communion—Public, 13.

Congregation—Families, 69; adults, 207; children, 90; total, 297

Catechising—Number of times, 14.

Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 6; female, 6; total, 12

Pupils, male, 60; female, 50; total, - - 110

Average attendance, - - - 70

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 20 59	
The Sunday School, - - - -	50 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	385 37	
Earned by Ladies' Society, - - -	90 00	
Earned by Children, - - - - -	15 00	
By the Sunday School, for current expenses, -	27 90	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$588 86

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - -	$25 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - -	11 80	
Thanksgiving Offering for St. Mark's Home, -	11 52	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		$48 32

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	$ 4 53	
Faribault Theological School, - - -	18 25	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews, -	55	
By the Sunday School, for Faribault, - -	7 50	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -		30 83
Total of Offerings, - -		$668 01

[Bishop's Address, pages 64, 65.]

CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY. (1874.)

The Rev. Wm. H. Knowlton, Minister in charge. (1875.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2; Adults, 2; total, - - 4
Confirmed—1.
Communicants—Last reported, 48; received, 3; died 2; total lost, 10
present number, male, 7; female, 34; total, - 41
Burials—2.
Public Services—Sundays, 31; week days, 18; total, - - 49
Holy Communion—Public, 7; private, 2.
Congregation—Families, 43; adults, 93; children, 101; total, - 194
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, Male, 6; Female, 10; total, 16
Pupils, Male, 90; Female, 96; total, - 186
Average Attendance, - - - - 102

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 3 20	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	231 21	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	29 35	
Indebtedness paid, - - - - - -	1 45	
By the Sunday School, for current expenses, papers, &c.	41 08	
Given to Minister in charge, - - -	10 00	
Total for Parochial objects, -		$316 29

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - -	$25 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	12 00	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions, -	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		$47 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	$2 05	
Faribault Theological School, - - -	7 25	
Branch of Women's Auxiliary, 1 box, value, -	65 00	
1 box, value, - -	16 00	
By the Sunday School for Domestic Missions, -	9 98	
Society for Increase of Ministers, - -	5 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		105 28
Total of Offerings, - -		$468 57

This report dates only from October 21st, of present Diocesan year, the date of the accession of the present Minister in charge.

[Bishop's Address, page 64.]

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY. (1836.)

The Rev. SAMUEL EARP, Rector. (1870.)

Alonzo Platt, Alfred X. Cary, Wardens.

Samuel L. Fuller, William J. Stuart, Lay Readers.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 35; adults, 11; total, 46. Confirmed, 26.

Communicants—Last reported, 559; admitted, 30; received, 55; total added, 85; died, 2; removed, 15; suspended or dropped, 3; total lost, 20; present number—males, 228; females, 396; total, . . 624

Marriages, 13; Burials, 22.

Public Services—Sundays, 124; week days, 240. Total, - 364

Holy Communion—Public, 31; private, 12.

Congregation—Families, 335; adults, 980; children, 605; total, 1,585

Catechising—number of times, 80.

Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 14; female, 36. Total, 50

Pupils, male, 166; female, 214. Total, - 380

Average attendance, - - - . 300

Parish Library—Number of volumes, - - - - 700

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 256 00
The Sunday School,	60 00
City Missions,	370 00
Church Home and Hospital,	2,500 00
Rector's Fund,	205 00
Sundry Objects,	603 00
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	6,000 00
The increase and improvement of Church property,	5,461 00
By the Sunday School, for sundry objects,	147 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	$15,602 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$450 00
Assessment of the Convention,	120 00
Episcopate Fund—written pledge towards an Episcopal residence in Grand Rapids,	*2,000 00
Church Building, Rectories, &c.,	1,085 00
Sundry objects,	263 00
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	50 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	$1,968 00

*Note by the Secretary—For obvious reasons this sum is not included in the footing of this column.

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FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$299 00
Foreign Missions,	145 00
Home Missions for Colored People,	300 00
Indian Missions,	46 00
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	125 00
Nashotah Theological School,	5 00
Missionary Bishop's Work,	423 00
Theological Education,	100 00
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions,	40 00
" " Foreign Missions,	40 00
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	$1,523 00
Total of Offerings,	$19,093 00

Value of Church Property—The Church, $70,000; Chapel and School House, 10,000; Rectory, 12,000; other property, 14,000; total, $106,000.

February 24, A. D. 1876—St. Matthias' Day—Anniversary of the Consecration of the Bishop of the Diocese.

March 5, A. D. 1876—First Sunday in Lent—Opening of the fifth Mission Sunday School in the city.

March 12, A. D. 1876—Second Sunday in Lent—Opening of the sixth, ditto.

No. of members of	Parish Missionary Society,	120.	Am't contributed,		$125
" "	Woman's Auxiliary,	250.	"	"	300
" "	Industrial Band,	30.	"	"	200
" "	Young Men's Association,	30.	"	"	40

No. of Church publications distributed—Ten Weeks' Paper, 100; The Young Christian Soldier, 150; The Carrier Dove, 75; Tracts of various kinds, 450; Church Papers taken by Parishioners, 130.

The report of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd is given separately by the Rev. W. H. Knowlton, Minister in Charge.

[Bishop's Address, pages 63, 64, 65, 66.]

ST. PAUL'S MEMORIAL CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY. (1871.)

The Rev. Sidney Beckwith, Rector. (1870.)

John Baldwin Folger, William Frederick Walker, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 18; adults, 7; total, 25; confirmed, 17.	
Communicants—Last reported, 93; admitted, 8; received, 10; total added, 18; died, 1; removed, 18; total lost,	19
present number, male, 23; female, 69; total,	92
Marriages, 11; Burials, 8.	
Public Services—Sundays, 104; week days, 63; total,	167
Holy Communion—Public, 14; private, 1.	
Congregation—Families, 75; adults, 200; children, 115; total,	315
Catechising—Number of times, 30.	
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 3; female, 8; total,	11
Pupils, male, 30; female, 50; total,	80

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 30 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,022 00	
The Sunday School, for Parish,	16 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School use,	22 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1,090 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$25 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	19 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	3 00	
Organ for a Mission Station,	125 00	
Prayer Books, etc., for a mission Station,	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		177 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 2 00	
Foreign Missions,	3 00	
Home Missions for Colored People,	1 50	
Indian Missions,	1 50	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	3 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		11 00
Total of Offerings,		$1,278 00

[Bishop's Address, pages 56, 63, 66.]

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE, MONTCALM COUNTY. (1872.)

The Rev. Sidney H. Woodford, Rector. (1873.)

John Avery, C. Jesse Church, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 7.	
Communicants—Last reported, 50; removed, 19; present number,	31
Marriages—7; burials, 4.	
Public Services—Sundays, 92; week days, 36; total,	128
Holy Communion—Public, 10.	
Congregation—Families, 25; adults, 70; children, 30; total,	100
Catechising—Number of times, 52.	
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 2; female, 3; total,	5
Pupils, male, 13; female, 19; total,	32
Average attendance,	20

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 27 64	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,256 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	901 38	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$2,185 02

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$14 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$14 00
Total of Offerings,		$2,199 02

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $138.94; pew rents, 772.69; Women's Association, 359.04.

The total value of Church and other property is $3,800.

[Bishop's Address, pages 59, 62.]

EMMANUEL CHURCH, HASTINGS, BARRY COUNTY. (1863.)

The Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft, Rector. (1865.)

Henry A. Goodyear, David G. Robinson, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Adults, 2. Confirmed, 2.
Communicants—Last reported, 69; admitted, 2; received, 2; total added, 4; died, 1; removed, 6; total lost, 7; present number, Male, 6; Female, 60; total, 66
Marriages, 9; Burials, 10.
Public Services—Sundays, 101; week days, 68; total, 169
Holy Communion—Public, 17; private, 2.
Congregation—Families, 38; adults, 98; children, 44; total, 142
Catechising—Weekly.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 7; total, 8
Pupils, male, 25; female, 27; total, 52
Average attendance, 32
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 50.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$26 98	
Rector's Salary,	960 23	
Other expenses of Parish maintenance,	128 91	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	121 74	
Indebtedness,	31 73	
Organ fund,	62 47	
Balance cash on hand,	19 97	
By the Sunday School, for current expenses,	17 62	
Total for Parochial objects,		$1,369 65

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$60 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	20 78	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	9 50	
Theological Education,	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$100 28

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$7 35	
Foreign Missions,	10 41	
Home Missions for Colored People,	15 33	
Indian Missions,	13 13	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	9 95	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	3 37	
To Emmanuel Hall, Dacotah Mission, a box from the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association,	83 55	
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions,	5 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		148 09
Total of offerings,		$1,618 02

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $282.61; Envelope System, 902.46; Women's Associations, 401.63; the whole amount from the Sunday School, 22.62; balance last year, 8.70; Total, $1,618.02.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $3,000.

[Bishop's Address, pages 57, 61.]

GRACE CHURCH, HOLLAND, OTTAWA COUNTY. (1867.)

The Rev. J. RICE TAYLOR, Rector. (1868.)

H. Walsh, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 4; adults, 4; total, 8. Confirmed, 5.	
Communicants—Last reported, 21; admitted, 6; received, 1; total added, 7; removed, 2; present number, male, 1; female, 25; total,	26
Marriages, 2; Burials, 1.	
Public Services—Sundays, 20; week days, 20; total,	40
Holy Communion—Public, 5.	
Congregation—Families, 16; adults, 40; children, 31; total,	71
Catechising—Number of times, 5.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 4; total,	5
Pupils, male, 11; female, 23; total,	34
Average attendance, 23.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Rector's Salary, including marriage fees, $15, and Ch. offerings, $9.28,	$83 18	
Sexton and other incidental expenses,	75 00	
By the Sunday School, for Books, Papers, &c., estimated,	15 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$173 18

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$10 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	6 05	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	2 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		18 05

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	5 00	
Indian Missions,	1 50	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		6 50
Total of Offerings,		$197 73

Few can estimate the difficulties under which this Parish has labored. Its great want is men to take a real interest in its advancement. The Pastor labored to prevent the accumulation of debt at first on the Church building. That debt amounted when the building was completed in Oct., 1874, to $500. Since then claims to the amount of $400 have been made for expenses in carrying on the Church and Sabbath School. I trust measures are in progress which will inaugurate a more hopeful state of things in the Parish.

[Bishop's Address, pages 59, 66.]

CHRIST CHURCH, HOMER, CALHOUN COUNTY. (1840.)

Vacant, the Rev. LEVI H. CORSON, officiating.

Josiah N. Westcott, Cyrus Smith, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3.	
Communicants—Last reported, 21; admitted, 1; died, 1; removed, 4; total lost, 5; present number, male, 6; female, 12; total,	18
Burials—1. Public Services—Sundays, 52.	
Holy Communion—Public, 13.	
Congregation—Families, 11; adults, 25; children 4; total,	29
Catechising—Number of times, 4.	
Sunday School—Pupils, Male, 5; Female, 10; total,	15
Parish Library—Number of Volumes,	30

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$164 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	$164 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$4 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	3 23	
Episcopate Fund,	1 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		8 23

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	1 00	
Foreign Missions,	1 00	
Indian Missions,	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		3 00
Total of Offerings,		$175 23

Value of Church Property—The Church, $3,500.

Bishop's Address, pages 56, 64.]

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, IONIA, IONIA COUNTY. (1848.)

Vacant. No Report.

Communicants—Last reported, male, 26; female, 67; total, 93

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Diocesan Missions,	$17 25	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund,	5 42	
Total Offerings for Diocesan Objects,		$22 67

[Bishop's Address, pages 58, 60.]

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KALAMAZOO, KALAMAZOO COUNTY. (1860.)

Vacant—Reported by Warden.

John McKee, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 3; total, 6; confirmed, 3.
Communicants—Last reported, 128; died, 2; present No. 126
Marriages, 12; burials, 7.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, on pledge,	$15 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	13 00	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$38 00
Total of Offerings,		$38 00

The above report is necessarily incomplete, because the Parish has been without a Rector since October 1st, 1875.

[Bishop's Address, pages 62, 64.]

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, KALAMAZOO, KALAMAZOO COUNTY. (1838.)

The Rev. James F. Conover, Rector. (1872.)

Theo. P. Sheldon, Henry Brees, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 12; Adults, 4; total, 16; confirmed, 10.

Communicants—Last reported, 166; admitted, 10; received, 23; total added, 33; died, 4; removed, 8; total lost, 12

present number, male, 38; female, 149; total, 187

Marriages, 5; Burials, 18.

Public Services—Sundays, 111; week days, 140; total, - 251

Holy Communion—Public, 20; private 4.

Congregation—Families, 105; adults, 242; children, 111; total, 353

Catechising—Number of times, 12.

Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 5; female, 9; total 14

Total pupils, 103; average attendance, - 60

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$163 72	
Repairs on Church Rectory, - - -	165 50	
Easter and Christmas decorations, - - -	30 00	
Collections not otherwise reported, - -	166 35	
Incidental expenses, - - - -	48 15	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	2,716 00	
Rent of Rectory, - - - - -	500 00	
By the Ladies' Society for Parish, - -	50 92	
Special for Parish objects, - - - -	189 50	
By the Sunday School, for various Parish objects,	61 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, -		4,091 14

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$325 91	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	55 44	
Episcopate Fund, interest on subscription notes,	*352 56	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	28 93	
Church Building, Rectories, &c., - - -	132 00	
By the Sunday School for St. Mark's Church, Paw Paw,	25 00	
By the Sunday School for Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, - - - - - -	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, -		$929 84

*In the judgment of the Secretary, this item is of doubtful propriety, and, therefore, will not be included in the Summary and Tabular Statement of the Contributions of the Diocese. The facts are, that several other Parishes also are carrying interest on their subscription notes; that all were credited last year for the full subscription, and that this interest was an essential condition of the original subscription.

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$368 27	
Foreign Missions,	89 93	
Home Missions for Colored People,	42 17	
Indian Missions,	43 17	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	34 81	
Nashotah Theological School,	124 17	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	7 60	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	4 50	
Of the above the Young Ladies' Missionary Society contributed $187.48, and the Sunday School, $127.00.		
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		714 62
Total of Offerings,		$5,735 60

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $962.63; pew rents, 2,100; subscriptions, 522.98; Women's Associations, 261.47; total, 4,048.73. The whole amount from the Sunday School, 201.65.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $10,000; Rectory, 6,000; other property, 5,000; total 21,000.

Of the above services 34 have been held outside of the Parish. The amount put down as paid to the Episcopal Fund includes annual interest upon notes only. In addition to this there has been paid principal to the amount of $390.00. The offerings for Domestic Missions include two boxes of clothing and household stuff, valued at $187, sent by the Young Ladies' Missionary Society to two Missionaries. The Ladies Parish Aid Society has put globes upon the gas burners in the Church at a cost of about fifty dollars. The services have never been as largely attended or the offerings for all objects as large as last year. Under God's blessing the Parish is active, united and prosperous.

[Bishop's Address, pages 58, 64.]

HOLY TRINITY MISSION, LOWELL, KENT COUNTY. (1872.)

The Rev. L. L. Rogers, Missionary. (1875.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Present number, male, 1; female, 9; total, 10
Public Services—Sundays, 8.
Congregation—Families, 12; adults, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	50	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$ 50
Total of Offerings,		$ 50

Church property—A lot of land.

This Mission has many discouragements to contend with, and the services have been discontinued for want of a suitable place to hold them, and the unwillingness to provide for their continuance.

[Bishop's Address, page 61.]

GRACE CHURCH, LUDINGTON, MASON COUNTY. (1873.)

The Rev. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Rector. (1872.)

John W. Loomis, Clayton F. Collins, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 3; total, 5. Confirmed, 7.		
Communicants—Last reported, 23; admitted, 5; received, 5; total added, 10; removed, 2; present number—males, 9; females, 24; total,		33
Marriages, 8; Burials, 4.		
Public Services—Sundays, 68; week days, 24. Total,		92
Holy Communion—Public, 11.		
Congregation—Families, 19; adults, 51; children, 36; total,		87
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 1; female, 4. Total,		5
Pupils, male, 9; female, 22. Total,		31
Average attendance,		25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salary	$230 12	
Incidental collections,	59 64	
Ladies' Society for Church indebtedness and carpets,	189 36	
Ladies' Society for bell,	121 85	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School papers,	13 12	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$614 09

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$15 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	5 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	1 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$21 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 75	
Foreign Missions,	75	
Home Missions for Colored People,	75	
Indian Missions,	75	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$4 00
Total of Offerings,		$639 09

[Bishop's Address, pages 55, 57, 63.]

GRACE CHURCH, LYONS, IONIA COUNTY. (1866.)

Vacant—No Report.

The Parish exists but in name.

[Bishop's Address, page 58.]

MANISTEE, MANISTEE COUNTY.

Reported by the Rev. Joseph B. Prichard.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants and children, 18; adults, 5; total, 23.	Confirmed,	7
Communicants—Present number—Male, 5; female, 19; total.		24
Public Services—Sundays, 4; week days, 2; total,		6
Congregation—Families, 24; adults, 58; children, 52; total,		110

At Manistee they have only just commenced in the way of Sunday School, and are as yet in an unsettled state. * I am unable to give any report farther than say that the prospects are very encouraging. They have made application to the Bishop for the organization of a Mission according to Canon XIX, Section 1, "Of the Organization of Missions."

[Bishop's Address, page 55.]

TRINITY CHURCH, MARSHALL, CALHOUN COUNTY. (1836.)

The Rev. H. B. Whittemore, Rector. (1874.)

J. H. Montgomery, C. P. Dibble, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 28; Adults, 17; total,	45
Confirmed—15.	
Communicants—Last reported, 160; admitted, 20; received, 8; total added, 28; died 5; removed, 11; total lost, 16; present number, male, 50; female, 122; total,	172
Marriages, 6; Burials, 18.	
Public Services—Sundays, 100; week days, 96; total,	196
Holy Communion—Public, 18; private, 11.	
Congregation—Families, 109; adults, 240; children, 110; total,	350
Catechising—Number of times, 40.	
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, Male, 5; Female, 14; total,	19
Pupils, Male, 85; Female, 116; total,	201
Average Attendance,	105

CONTRBIUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 36 00
The Sunday School,	74 05
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,770 82
The increase and improvement of Church property,	132 00
For relief of Herndon Fire Sufferers,	75 00
Testimonials,	126 00
Music,	53 00
Towards burial of aged Communicant,	20 00
By Ladies' Society, for poor in Parish,	36 95
Christmas Decoration,	22 05
By the Sunday School, for its expenses,	33 20
Total for Parochial Objects,	$2,379 07

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$125 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	26 56	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	14 00	
Thanksgiving Offering for Church at Eaton Rapids,	26 50	
Individual Pledge for Diocesan Missions,	10 00	
" " General Missionary,	10 00	
By the Sunday School, for General Missionary,	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$222 06

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	17 30	
Foreign Missions,	13 00	
Home Missions for Colored People,	2 67	
Indian Missions,	10 00	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	10 00	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	6 04	
By Ladies' Society, box for Indian Mission, valued at	40 00	
By the Sunday School, for Nashotah Mission,	16 87	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		115 88
Total of Offerings,		$2,717 01

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $699.43; Pew Rents, 1,234.82; interest on the Parsonage Fund, 91.77; the Envelope System, including offerings, 266.48; Subscriptions, 421.24; Individual Gifts, 85.00; Women's Associations, 184.75; total, $2,717.01.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $20,000; Rectory Fund, 1,136.76; other property, 100.00; total, $21,236.76.

The Rector has held Missionary services in Pennfield two evenings. At one of these services he baptized an adult and an infant. He has also buried two persons in Battle Creek, the Church there being without a Rector.

The Ladies' work is not itemized in the above report, but credit is given them in the resume, save for going about doing good, which is recorded by and generally known to God alone.

In conclusion, it is with thanks to God that the Rector says that he has no cause for any feelings excepting those of unalloyed encouragement.

[Bishop's Address, pages 59, 64, 66.]

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MENDON, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY. (1866.)

The Rev. L. D. Ferguson, LL. D., Rector. (1875.)

J. B. Anderson, D. K. Vanness, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3; Adults 2; Total, 5. Confirmed, 1.
Communicants—Last reported, 36; admitted, 2; died, 1; present number, ... 37
Marriages, 3: Burials, 5.
Public Services—Sundays, 104; week days, 24; total, . 128
Holy Communion—Public, 12.
Congregation—Families, 38; adults, 70; children 45; total, - 115
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 5; total, 8
Pupils, male, 17; female, 26; total, - - . 43

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$1,030 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	835 00	
By the Sunday School, for expenses, . .	60 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, . .		$1,925 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - -	$15 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	3 25	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	2 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		$20 25

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	$2 50	
Foreign Missions, - - - -	2 50	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		5 00
Total of Offerings, - -		$1,950 25

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $150; pew rents, 780; Individual gifts, 600.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $7,000.

I have held services for a few months at Leonidas.

[Bishop's Address, page 62.]

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MUSKEGON, MUSKEGON COUNTY. (1867.)

Vacant—Reported by the Wardens.

Samuel H. Wagener, A. G. Smith, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 11; adults, 6; total, 17; confirmed, 4.
Communicants—Last reported, 57; admitted, 4; received, 10; total added, 14; removed, 13; present number, 58
Marriages, 1; Burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 155; week days, 75; total, 231
Holy Communion—Public, 29.
Congregation—Families, 64.
Catechising—Number of times, 52.
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 4; female, 7; total, 11
Pupils, total, 75
Average attendance, 65.
Parish Library—Number of volumes, about, 200

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 31 66	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School purposes,	22 88	
Total for Parochial objects,		54 54

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$40 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	14 50	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.	10 00	
By the Sunday School for Eaton Rapids Chapel,	2 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		66 50

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 5 31	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	4 33	
Nashotah Theological School,	6 15	
Personal gifts to Theological student,	30 00	
By the Sunday School, for Indian Missions,	1 00	
By the Sunday School for Foreign Missions,	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		47 79
Total of Offerings,		$168 83

[Bishop's Address, page 61.]

ST. MARK'S MISSION, NEWAYGO, NEWAYGO COUNTY. (1875.)

The Rev. MOSELEY MORRIS, Missionary. (1875.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3; Adults, 1; total 4. Confirmed, 4.
Communicants—Last reported, 8; admitted, 4; present number, Male, 2; Female, 10; total, . . 12
Marriages, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 26.
Holy Communion—Public, 3.
Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 20; children, 35; total, - 55
Catechising—Number of times, 12.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 6; total, 9
Pupils, male, 20; female, 40; total, - - 60
Average attendance, - - - - 45

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$124 28	
Total for Parochial objects, - -		$124 28

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, . : . .	$3 62	
Traveling expenses to Convention, . .	2 76	
Total for Diocesan Objects, . .		6 38

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	$ 5 96	
Foreign Missions, - - - - - -	1 30	
Indian Missions, - - - - -	1 20	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, - -	5 50	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		13 96
Total of offerings, - - -		$144 62

The Bishop visited the poor house May 14th.

[Bishop's Address, pages 55, 65.]

TRINITY CHURCH, NILES, BERRIEN COUNTY. (1834.)

The Rev. JOHN COLEMAN, late Rector. (1874.)
The Rev. ROBERT MCMURDY, D. D., LL. D., Rector. (1876.)
Rufus Wharton Landon, David Oliphant Woodruff, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Under the Rev. John Coleman to Jan. 4, 1876, seven months:
Baptized—Infants, 12. Confirmed—2.
Marriages—4; burials, 9.
Public Services—Sundays, 70; week days, 101; total, - 171
Holy Communion—Public, 20; private, 1; total, - - 21

Under the Rev. Dr. McMurdy, four months:

Baptized—Infants, 46; adults, 224; total, 270. Confirmed, 308.
Communicants—Last reported, 155; total added, 320; died, 9; removed, 125; total lost, 134; present number, 341
Marriages—2; burials, 2.
Public Services—Sundays, 52; week days, 102; total, - 154
Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 4.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, 20; pupils, - 120

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$2,048 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	527 00	
Miscellaneous and for cancelling debt of Parish,	3,216 00	
Book of Common Prayer distributed in the Parish,	60 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$5,851 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - -	$115 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - -	30 94	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	17 00	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	25 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		187 94

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Society for the Increase of the Ministry, - -	16 02	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -		16 02
Total of Offerings, - - -		$6,054 96

[Bishop's Address, pages 57, 65.]

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PAW PAW, VAN BUREN COUNTY. (1851.)

The Rev. DARIUS BARKER, Rector.

Daniel C. Coleman, George W. Ocobock, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 8; adults, 4; total, 12. Confirmed, 11.
Communicants—Last reported, 29; admitted, 8; received, 4; total added, 12; removed, 3; present number, males, 8; females, 30; total, - - - 38
Burials, 5.
Public Services—Sundays, 52; week days, 40; total, - 92
Holy Communion—Public, 6.
Congregation—Families, 31; adults, 83; children, 33; total, 116
Catechising—Number of times, 4.
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 1; female, 6; total, 7; Pupils, male, 20; female, 31; total, - 51
Average attendance, - - - 40
S. S. Library—Number of Volumes, 230.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	207 00	
Funds expended for Church Building, - -	789 97	
By the Sunday School, for Library, - -	16 00	
For Sunday School Papers, - - - -	6 70	
(For the Rector, $5.00; and for Church Building, $90.00, included in the foregoing.)		
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$1,019 67

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - -	$5 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	2 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	2 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		9 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	$1 00	
Foreign Missions, - - - -	3 00	
Home Missions for Colored People, - -	1 90	
Indian Missions, - - - -	1 00	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, - -	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		7 90
Total of Offerings, . . .		$1,036 57

The sources of the contributions reported above are—Women's Association, $684.29; the whole amount from the Sunday School, 117.70.

I have performed Missionary services on two different Sundays in Decatur; administered the Holy Communion, and baptized two children, included in the above number.

Also, I have officiated one Sunday in Lawrence to a very large and attentive congregation, and baptized one child, also included in the above report of infant baptisms.

[Bishop's Address, pages 56, 63, 64.]

ST. JAMES' MISSION, PENTWATER, OCEANA COUNTY. (1872.)

The Rev. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Missionary. (1872.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2. Confirmed, 1.	
Communicants—Last reported, 14; admitted, 1; received, 1; total added, 2; removed, 3; present number, male, 3; female, 10; total.	13
Burials—1.	
Public Services—Sundays, 30.	
Holy Communion—Public, 10.	
Congregation—Families, 7; adults, 20; children, 10; total.	30
Catechising—In the Mission Room, number of times, 10.	
Sunday School—Teachers, female, 2; Pupils, male, 4; female, 6; total, - - - - - - -	10
Average attendance, - - -	8
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 20.	

CONTRIBUTIONS,

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salary,	55 00	
Incidentals,	7 15	
Ladies' Society,	20 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$82 15

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$5 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 75	
Foreign Missions,	75	
Home Missions for Colored People,	75	
Indian Missions,	75	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		3 00
Total of Offerings,		$90 15

[Bishop's Address, pages 55, 57.]

CHRIST CHURCH, PLAINFIELD, KENT COUNTY. (1851.)

The Rev. MOSELEY MORRIS, Rector.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 1.	
Communicants—Last reported, 4; present number, male, 1; female, 3; total,	4
Burials—1.	
Public Services—Sundays, 7; week days, 1; total,	8
Congregation—Families, 6; adults, 10; children, 15; total,	25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$6 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	90
Total of Offerings,	$6 90

[Bishop's Address, pages 56, 60.]

TRINITY MISSION, PLAINWELL, ALLEGAN COUNTY. (1870.)

The Rev. WALTER SCOTT, Missionary. (1875.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 9; removed, 2; present number, male, 2; female, 5; total, ... 7
Public Services—Sundays, 1; week days, 14; total, . . 15
Holy Communion—Public, 1.
Congregation—Families, 10; adults, 32; children 12; total, - 44
Parish Library—Number of volumes, ... 36

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$12 78	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	78 93	
Total for Parochial objects, -		91 71
Total of Offerings, . . .		$91 71

The sources of the contributions reported above are—Women's Association, $91.71.

Value of Church Property—The Chapel, $1,400; other property, $250; total 1,650.

[Bishop's Address, pages 55, 61.]

ST. PAUL'S MISSION, PORTLAND, IONIA COUNTY. (1872.)

The Rev. SIDNEY H. WOODFORD, Minister in charge.

M. B. Beers, Warden. T. J. Bandfield, Treasurer.

Mrs. J. W. Smith, Secretary. Elijah Keeler, Lay Reader.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 15; not previously reported, 4; total added, 4; died 1; removed, 3; total lost, 4; present No. 15
Public Services—Sundays, 52; week days, 55; total, - - 107
Holy Communion—Public, 4.
Congregation—Families, 9.
Catechising—Number of times, 52.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; pupils, 5; Average attendance, 4.

CONTRBIUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

The Sunday School, ...	$ 10 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	100 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, . .		$110 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c. . . .	1 77	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		$1 77
Total of Offerings, - - -		$111 77

The services have been partly Lay, especially on Sundays. The Rev. J. W. Clark was in charge until his removal from Ionia.

Bishop's Address, page 58.]

ST. JOHN'S MISSION, QUINCY, BRANCH COUNTY. (1873.)

The Rev. HENRY SAFFORD, Missionary.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 6.
Communicants—Present number, 10.
Marriages, 2.
Public Services—Sundays, 24.
Holy Communion—Public, 3; private, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, .	43 71
Total of Offerings, . , .	$43 71

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $43.71.

Value of Church Property—$785.00.

The Church lot has been sold, and we are now looking for a more convenient location. We can, however, hardly expect to build the Church this coming season. The times are not favorable, and we could not expect to raise the necessary amount. The day is, however, not far distant when we may hope to see this goodly work accomplished.

In addition to services at this place and at Burr Oak, I have celebrated divine service on twenty-three occasions. We have sown in tears. May we reap in joy!

[Bishop's Address, page 63.]

ROCKFORD, KENT COUNTY. (1874.)

The Rev. MOSELEY MORRIS, Missionary. (1874.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infant, 1; Communicants—Present number, - 13
Public Services—6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Missionary, - - - -	$22 00
For Domestic Missions, - - - -	1 93
Total of Offerings, - -	$23 93

[Bishop's Address, page 60.]

MISSION AT SAND LAKE, KENT COUNTY. (1875.)

The Rev. Moseley Morris, Missionary.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Present number, female, 4.
Public Services—Sundays, 12; week days, 1; total, - - 13
Holy Communion—Public, 1.
Congregation—Families, 6; adults, 10; children, 15; total, - 25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish Maintenance,	5 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$5 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	$1 79	
Total for Diocesan Objects, . . .		$1 79

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	$1 27	
Foreign Missions, - - - - - -	1 97	
Indian Missions, - - - - -	2 05	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$5 29
Total of Offerings, . . .		$12 08

[Bishop's Address, page 66.]

TRINITY CHURCH, SARANAC, IONIA COUNTY. (1860.)

The Rev. Lewis Loree Rogers, Rector. (1875.)

G. A. Cotton, James Vosper, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 1; total, 6. Confirmed, 1.
Communicants—Last reported, 54; admitted, 2; received, 3; total added, 5; removed, 4; present number, male, 13; female, 42; total, . . 55
Marriages, 3.
Public Services—Sundays, 58; week days, 6; total, - - 64
Holy Communion—Public, 12.
Congregation—Families, 30; adults, 61; children, 29; total, 90
Catechising—Number of times, 12.
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 3; female, 5; total, 8
Pupils, male, 20; female, 30; total, . . 50
Average attendance, 30.
Sunday School Library—Number of volumes, 200.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 5 00	
By the Sunday School, for books, papers, &c.,	8 55	
Salaries and other expenses of Parish maintenance,	200 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$213 55

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$10 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	3 48	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c..	1 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$14 98

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 50	
Foreign Missions,	75	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$2 25
Total of Offerings,		$230 78

Value of Church Property—The Church, $4,000.

This Parish will still need aid from the Mission Fund, to the amount of last year's appropriation at least. The Parish is beginning to wake up, and we trust will need no stipend.

[Bishop's Address, page 61.]

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SAUGATUCK, ALLEGAN COUNTY. (1868.)

The Rev. J. Rice Taylor, Rector. (1868.)

Rich. B. Neunham, Peirce W. Abbey, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 3; total, 6. Confirmed, 7.	
Communicants—Last reported, 32; admitted, 7; received, 2; total added, 9; removed, 2; present number, male, 15; female, 24; total,	39
Marriages, 2; Burials, 4.	
Public Services—Sundays, 54; week days, 15. Total,	69
Holy Communion—Public, 6.	
Congregation—Families, 40; adults, 97; children, 75; total,	172
Catechising—Number of times, 8.	
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 2; female, 5. Total,	7
Pupils, male, 25; female, 35. Total,	60
Average attendance,	30
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, 150.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Rector's salary, including fees, donations and incidental Church expenses,	$222 28	
Church collections, for Sexton, wood, oil, &c.,	37 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$259 28

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$9 78	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	3 60	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$13 38

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$12 00	
Foreign Missions,	4 00	
Home Missions for Colored People,	1 00	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, pledge.	5 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$22 00
Total of Offerings,		$294 66

The moneys applied to various Missionary objects and to Aged and Infirm Clergymen are the total of Com. Offerings, excepting $7.00 from S. S. Mite Boxes for Domestic Missions.

The Church received at Easter time what is called a handsome Lecturn, made by the hands of the Missionary—value not easily estimated.

Have visited South Haven three times, assisting in one service, holding another on a week day evening, with two other services and Communion on Sunday, spending one week's time in traveling, and receiving for each service, $5.00.

[Bishop's Address, page 59.]

ST. JOHN'S MISSION, STURGIS, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY. (1873.)

Vacant—No Report. Confirmed—6.

[Bishop's Address, page 56.]

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. JOSEPH, BERRIEN COUNTY. 1872.

The Rev. V. SPALDING, Rector. (1872.)

William J. Nott, Benjamin F. Pixley, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2; Adults, 1; total, - - - 3
Communicants—Last reported, 51; admitted, 2; received, 4; total added, 6; died, 1; removed, 10; suspended or dropped, 4; total lost, 15; present number, male, 10; female, 32; total, . . 42
Marriages, 5; Burials, 4.
Public Services—Sundays, 77; week days, 23; total, - 100
Holy Communion—Public, 13.
Congregation—Families, 25; adults, 50; children, 10; total, 60
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, Male, 1; Female, 4; total, 5
Pupils, Male, 20; Female, 30; total, - 50
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 5 77	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	333 98	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School books and papers,	29 21	
Total for Parochial Objects, -		$368 96

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$25 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - - -	8 60	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	4 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		$37 60

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, ...	5 00	
Foreign Missions, ...	2 00	
Home Missions for Colored People, ...	3 00	
Indian Missions, ...	2 00	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, . .	2 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		14 00
Total of Offerings, . . .		$420 56

Value of Church Property—$400.

Besides services in my own Parish, I have served twice at Sturgis, twice at Saugatuck, and once at Paw Paw.

[Bishop's Address, page 59.]

TRINITY CHURCH, THREE RIVERS, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY. (1863.)

The Rev. M. ERASTUS BUCK, Rector. (1874.)

Thomas M. Clark, John Cowling, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 5; Adults, 6; total 11. Confirmed, 10.	
Communicants—Last reported, 61; admitted, 13; received, 6; total added, 19; removed, 7; present number, male, 20; female, 53; total, - -	73
Marriages—4; burials, 2.	
Public Services—Sundays, 105; week days, 77; total, -	182
Holy Communion—Public, 18; private, 1.	
Congregation—Families, 43; adults, 112; children, 45; total,	157
Catechising—Number of times, 54.	
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 3; female, 3; total,	6
Pupils, male, 14; female, 22; total, . .	36
Average attendance, 24.	
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, 135.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$27 49	
The Sunday School, ...	13 49	
Christmas Decorations, ...	6 00	
Ladies' Aid Society for Church spire, . .	26 08	
Ladies' Aid Society for Church Bell, . . .	66 70	
Ladies' Aid Society for Church Organ, . . .	10 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	529 42	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	522 77	
For Church music, ...	174 90	
For publication of "The Rector's Assistant" Parochial paper, ...	109 00	
By the Sunday School, for church bell, . .	6 75	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$1,492 60

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - -	$12 72	
Assessment of the Convention, - -	16 46	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	4 06	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		33 24

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	$1 60	
Foreign Missions, - - - -	3 50	
Home Missions for Colored People, - -	2 40	
Indian Missions, - - - -	1 38	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, - -	3 05	
Nashotah Theological School, - - - -	2 50	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		14 43
Total of offerings, - - -		$1,540 27

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory,

$173.48; Envelope System, $521.00; Subscriptions, $442.77: Individual Gifts, $300.00; Women's Association, $102.78: Total, $1,520.03. The whole amount from the Sunday School, $20.24.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $7,500.

The Church tower has been completed at a cost of $700, and the Church building awaits Consecration. Though somewhat oppressed financially, we have many reasons for thankfulness. Since Septuagesima, I have held a Wednesday evening service every week at Schoolcraft. Beginning with the "two or three gathered together" in a private house, we now have a congregation of twenty-five or thirty, in the Baptist house of worship. I have baptized two adults here: four have been confirmed: all included in the above report. Rev. V. Spalding held an occasional service at this place about twenty years ago, since which time no attention has been bestowed here. We have now thirteen communicants with prospects of an increase of the number.

I have also held two Sunday afternoon services at Constantine in the Lutheran house of worship. Although the congregations were very large, the feeling of animosity towards the Church seems as strong here now as in former days. We have ten communicants in this place, and they are taking measures to secure the use of a hall where a three o'clock service on Sunday will be given once in two weeks.

[Bishop's Address, pages 58, 62, 65.]

GRACE MISSION, TRAVERSE CITY, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY. (1872.)

The Rev. ALBERT C. LEWIS, Missionary. (1869.)

Samuel B. Hodgman, Edwin L. Sprague, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infant, 1; adults, 3; total, 4. Confirmed, 6.	
Communicants—Last reported, 11; admitted, 4; received, 2; total added, 6; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, male, 6; female, 9; total,	15
Burials, 2.	
Public Services—Sundays, 26.	
Holy Communion—Public, 6.	
Congregation—Families, 8; adults, 25; children, 2; total,	27
Sunday School—Average attendance, 20 to 30.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported),	$30 51	
Present to Rector from three Communicants,	27 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$65 51

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$10 00
Total of Offerings,		$75 51

Raised about $1,500 towards Chapel. Hope to build, furnish, and put in heating apparatus for about $2,000. Expect to be ready for Consecration in the Fall. Church matters begin to look more hopeful.

[Bishop's Address, page 60.]

GRACE CHURCH, UNION CITY, BRANCH COUNTY. (1865.)

Vacant—Reported by the Wardens.

Hiram Crissey, Henry F. Ewers, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 1; total, 3. Confirmed, 3.
Communicants—Last reported, 27; admitted, 2; received, 1; total added, 3; present number, male, 12; female, 18; total 30
Burials, 1.
Public Services—Clerical Services, 5 times—balance Lay Service; during Lent a weekly Lay Cottage Service; Sundays, 52; week days, 1; total 53
Holy Communion—Public, 4.
Congregation—Families, 16; adults, 47; children, 16; total 63
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 3; female, 3; total, 6; Pupils, male, 6; female, 14; total 20

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	$134 36	
Total of Offerings		$134 36

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $89.36; Subscriptions, $45.00.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $4,000.

[Bishop's Address, page 56.]

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, WHITEHALL, MUSKEGON COUNTY. (1870.)

The Rev. Robert Wood, Rector. (1875.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 19; adults, 1; total, 20. Confirmed, 5.
Communicants—Present number, male, 3; female, 9; total.....12
Marriages, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 104; week days, 30; total.....134
Holy Communion—Public, 11.
Congregation—Families, 21. Adults, 55; children, 30; total.....85
Catechising—Number of times, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers, male, 3; female, 2; total, 5;
pupils, male, 10; female, 20; total.....30
Average attendance.....30
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance.....	$500 00	
Total for Parochial Objects.....		$500 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions.....	$ 11 71	
Assessment of the Convention.....	1 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects.....		$12 71

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions.....	$4 25	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry.....	12 50	
Total for Objects exterior to the Diocese.....		$16 75
Total of Offerings.....		$529 46

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $29.46.
[Bishops's Address, pages 57, 65.]

APPENDIX D.

A List of Places

Not Otherwise Reported, where Services have been held during the year by the Bishop, or other Clergymen.

Figures in parenthesis refer to pages of the address of the Bishop.
For Counties see page 10.

Augusta, (61). Benton Harbor, (59). Cassopolis, (58). Clam Lake, (60). Clare, (60). Edwardsburg, (58). Evart, (61, 64). Griswold Indian Mission, Bradley, (61). Galesburg, (61). Hersey, (61, 65). Howard City, (59). Hubbardston, (58). Manton, (60). Mount Pleasant, (55). Schoolcraft, (62, 65); see also report of Trinity, Three Rivers. South Haven, (57). Wayland, (61). Constantine, see report of Trinity, Three Rivers. Decatur, see report of St. Mark's, Paw Paw. Lawrence, see report of St. Mark's, Paw Paw. Leonidas, see report of St. Paul's, Mendon.

Vacant Parishes.

A List of the Vacant Parishes of the Diocese.

St. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.
St. Paul's Church, Greenville.
St. John's Church, Ionia.
St. John's Church, Kalamazoo.
St. Paul's Church, Mendon.
Grace Church, Union City.

APPENDIX E.

Reports

OF CLERGYMEN NOT IN CHARGE OF PARISHES.

Extract from Digest of the Canons of the General Convention.

TITLE I. CANON XV. SEC. 1.

"Every Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional Services he may have performed; and if he has performed no such Services, the cause or reasons which have prevented the same."

THE REV. JOHN COLEMAN. (1874.)
P. O., Toledo, Ohio.

Since the date of my leaving Niles I have officiated in various places, chiefly in Toledo, Cleveland and Elyria, Ohio; and also in Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Chicago. For two months, (including the Lenten season,) I was in temporary charge of St. Andrew's Parish, Elyria, Ohio, pending the coming of the Rector elect, the Rev. Wm. Hyde. My temporary relation to that Parish and people was one that has left me pleasant and tender recollections.

Following is a summary of my Ministerial acts from January 4th, 1876, to May 17th, inclusive:

Officiated in services, 112; sermons, 52; baptism, 1; burials, 3; celebrated the Holy Communion, 4 times.

THE REV. LUMAN FOOTE, CHARLOTTE, EATON COUNTY. (1840.)
No Report. Aged and disabled.

THE REV. COLLEY A. FOSTER, M. D., LL. D. (1864.)
P. O. Grand Rapids, Michigan.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

The Rev. C. A. Foster, M. D., LL. D., "a Missionary of the Diocesan Board of Missions for parts adjacent to Kalamazoo, without salary," respectfully reports, that he resigned the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Kalamazoo, on the 1st of October, 1875; and, since that time, has done ministerial work as he had opportunity and as he could. He has preached at Plainwell, Grand Rapids, and Battle Creek, and assisted at the laying of the corner stone of the Church at Paw Paw. He preaches regularly on the first Sunday of every month at Battle Creek. He has united in Holy Matrimony seven couple, and buried four persons—a record of which he has made in the Parish Register of St. John's Church, Kalamazoo.

THE REV. CHARLES R. HUSON, COLDWATER, BRANCH COUNTY. (1871.)

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR: Not being able to attend the Convention, I send my report for the past year. I have assisted the Rector of St. Mark's Church, Coldwater, five or six Sundays. Easter day, morning and evening; once filled his place, Mr. Cook being absent in Union City. I also held one Wednesday evening service, Mr. C. not being at home. I still keep up my Mission near Allen, holding service every second Sunday. I preached once for Mr. Safford in Quincy—Sunday, the 24th of May—this ends the year.

I remain, Right Reverend and Dear Sir,

Sincerely Yours,

Coldwater, May 31, 1876. C. R. HUSON.

THE REV. JAMES SELKRIG, BRADLEY, ALLEGAN COUNTY. (1835.)

No Report. Aged and disabled.

APPENDIX F.

Annual Report

OF THE CONVOCATION OF GRAND RAPIDS.

FIRST MEETING.

BIG RAPIDS, July 27, 28, 1875.

Present—The Bishop, and the Rev. Messrs. Beckwith, Earp, Large, Morris, Prichard, and Snyder. Sermons by Bishop Gillespie, and the Rev. J. B. Prichard. A paper was read by the Rev. John W. Clark on "The Best Method of Conducting Convocation." An address by Mr. W. J. Stuart, Grand Rapids.

SECOND MEETING.

LUDINGTON, Oct. 12, 13, 1875.

Present—The Bishop, and the Rev. Messrs. Beckwith, Earp, Large, Morris, Prichard, Taylor, Wood, and Woodford. Sermon by the Rev. Joseph S. Large. By-laws were adopted for the Governance of the Convocation. The amount of Offertory, $20.50.

THIRD MEETING.

GREENVILLE, Jan. 25, 26, 1876.

Present—The Bishop, and the Rev. Messrs. Clark, Earp, Morris, Snyder, Wood and Woodford. Sermons by the Rev. John W. Clark and the Rev. Robert Wood. Subject of discussion—"The Best Method of Raising Money for Church purposes." Addresses were made to the children of the Sunday School by the Rev. Messrs. Clark and Snyder.

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, twenty-two cents.

M. MORRIS, Secretary.

APPENDIX G.

Annual Reports

OF THE CONVOCATION OF KALAMAZOO.

To the Right Reverend, Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of Western Michigan:

In accordance with the provisions of Canon XVII, Sec. 5, of the Canons of this Diocese, it becomes my duty, as Secretary of the Convocation of Kalamazoo, to present to you and to the Convention the Annual Report of said Convocation.

It may be well to make the report on the basis, laid down in Sec. 2, of the same Canon. "The object of the Convocations shall be to promote a better acquaintance of Clergy and Laity; to devise measures for mutual co-operation; to discuss and compare practical modes of Church work, and, by united prayer to invoke the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit." Some of these points can scarcely be covered by any report; but a glance at the doings of the three regular sessions of Convocation will reveal whether the ends above designated have been reached or not. The full reports of these meetings fill twenty-five pages, closely written, in the Secretary's book, of which reports the purpose is to give a brief abstract.

FIRST MEETING.

The first meeting was at Allegan, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, July 20, 21, 1875.

Present—The Bishop, eleven (11) Clergy and four (4) Lay Delegates. There were five sessions at each meeting of Convocation, consisting of Evening Prayer and sermon, Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and sermon, Missionary meeting and two sessions for business and discussion. At Allegan the sermons were by the Bishop *ad clerum*, and by the Rev. John Coleman. Officers were elected at this meeting. *President*, Rev. J. F. Conover: *Secretary*, Rev. H. J. Cook; *Treasurer*, N. P. Loveridge, Esq. The topics discussed were, "The Book of Common Prayer as a Missionary Agency." "The Circulation of Church Books and Tracts

in Hotels and Families." "How to reach all parts of the Diocese with Church Services." "The Convocation as it was, and as it should be."

The Clergy were recommended to visit, in a Missionary capacity, such places contiguous to their Parishes as they might be able. Counties were assigned by the Bishop in harmony with this idea.

SECOND MEETING.

The second meeting was at Trinity Church, Three Rivers, October 19, 20, 1875.

Present—The Bishop, and thirteen (13) out of the twenty-one (21) Clergy in the Convocation, counting two from other Dioceses who do Missionary work within the limits of this. No Lay Delegates outside of the Parish.

The sermons were by Rev. J. F. Conover and Rev. H. J. Cook. Subjects debated, "Parish Schools as related to Popular Education." "Sunday Schools, Methods of Instruction and Instruction Books." By-laws were adopted at this meeting.

The P. M. Children's service, with addresses, was introduced as a feature of Convocation work. Reports were made by the different clergy, showing a good amount of extra Parochial work in accord with the plan of last meeting.

THIRD MEETING.

The third meeting was held at Albion, St. James' Church, Feb. 1, 2, 1876. More interest was apparent in the Parish than at either of the previous gatherings.

Present—The Bishop, eight (8) Clergy and one visitor, two (2) Lay Delegates. Order of exercises same as before. Sermons by Rev. M. E. Buck and Rev. L. D. Ferguson, LL. D. Subjects of Discussion: "Parochial Missions," and "The Support of the Clergy." Fuller reports than before were given of Missionary efforts, on the part of the Clergy, indicating a growing interest and activity in this direction. Among these reports should be noticed one by the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, since published in the "Dioceses," relating to this kind of work, which has been done and put on record since the organization of the Old Diocese.

It is proper to mention here the successful efforts of the ladies and gentlemen of the several Parishes in a social way, thus pleasantly promoting the mutual acquaintance of Bishop, Clergy and Laity.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion it may be added that the Convocation has done a good work during the past year. Stirring addresses have been made, earnest and scriptural sermons preached, and united, hearty prayers have been offered at the Throne of all Grace. Practical information has been imparted, mutual sympathy in a common work given and received, and a

unity of purpose and effort secured which could not so well have been attained in any other way. We close this report in the hope that this agency of Christian work may be fully used and that the idea will gain ground that it is not a mere social interchange of friendly feeling and courtesy on the part of the Clergy, but *a means of grace and edification for the whole church*, and of sufficient importance to secure a lay delegation from abroad and a full attendance of the people of the Parish where the Convocation meets.

HERBERT J. COOK, Secretary.

COLDWATER, May 19, 1876.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

N. P. Loveridge, Treasurer of the Convocation of Kalamazoo, respectfully submits to the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, at its session held May 31st, 1876, the following report, viz:

July 25, 1875, received offerings, Allegan Convocation, -	$ 8 50
Oct 20, 1875, received offerings, Three Rivers Convocation,	9 98
" " " of Rev. J. F. Conover, - - -	14 40
Feb. 2, 1876, received offerings, Albion Convocation, - -	10 50
	$43 38

PAID OUT.

For books for Secretary and Treasurer, - - - - -	$ 1 00
For disbursements by Secretary, postage, &c., - - - - -	1 20
Paid Clergymen part expenses attending Convocations, -	32 97
	$38 17
By balance on hand, - - - - - - - - - -	$5 21

Dated May 31st, 1876.

APPENDIX H.

St. Mark's Home and Hospital.

To the Right Rev. Geo. D. Gillespie, D. D:

Rev. and Dear Sir,—For the year ending April 25th, A. D., 1876, the report of the work done by the institution is as follows:

Whole number of persons admitted,		148
" " " "	Americans,	93
" " " "	Germans,	15
" " " "	Scotch,	2
" " " "	English,	6
" " " "	Canadians,	9
" " " "	Irish,	19
" " " "	Hollanders,	4
Whole number dismissed,		123
Present number of inmates,		19
Number of deaths,		6
Number of births,		7
Number received into hospital department,		30
" " " children's "		32
" " " home " (aged,)		8
Number of applicants for lodgings,		78
" " at dispensary for treatment since Feb. 1, 1876,		45
" prescriptions,		31

The following sums have been received from June 17, 1875 to April 25, 1876:

From former Treasurer,	$ 42 00
From St. Mark's Offertory,	206 09
From County of Kent,	209 90
From City of Grand Rapids,	411 62
From annual subscriptions, (St. Mark's)	230 50
From donations in cash, (mostly St. Mark's)	550 25
From Relief Society,	34 50
From Inmates' board,	352 32
From Life Membership, (St. Mark's,)	150 00
" " "	60 00
	$2,250 18
To balance in Treasury,	$333 27

DISBURSEMENTS.

Addition to Home and Hospital,	$155 71
Matron,	152 00
Servants,	208 80
Supplies,	533 81
Wood,	179 75
Meat,	187 36
Dry Goods,	58 10
Taxes,	162 85
Insurance, (3 years,)	60 00
Medicines,	9 60
Furniture,	134 74
Gas,	67 80
Sundries,	8 40
Cash on hand for general fund,	123 27
" " Life Membership fund,	210 00
	$2,250 18

The building now occupied is generously given, rent free, by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Fuller.

Religious services are held every Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Chaplain visits the institution for personal converse with the inmates nearly every day when he is in the city.

The domestic department has been superintended by a number of ladies, to whose prudence and oversight the institution owes much of its success.

God has wonderfully blessed our efforts in this line of Church endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL EARP, Chaplain.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.---Statistics of Condition and Growth.

PLACES.	NAMES OF CHURCHES.	BAPTISMS.			CONFIRMED.	COMMUNICANTS.										MARRIED.	BURIED.	FAMILIES.	Adults & Children.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.				
						Last Reported.	Admitted.	Received.	Total Added.	Died.	Removed.	Dropped, etc	Total Lost.	Present No.							Teachers.			Scholars.		
		Infants.	Adults.	Total.										Males.	Females.	Total.					Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Albion	St. James'	6	6	12	12	65	2	2	4		2	1	3	15	51	66	3	8	67	185	4	6	10	28	67	95
Allegan	Good Shepherd	7	1	8	4	67	4	2	6	1			1	26	46	72	1	5	41	180	5	8	13	36	30	66
Battle Creek	St. Thomas'					75				5			5	24	47	71					3	8	11	43	50	93
Big Rapids	St. Andrew's	6	1	7	4	54	5	2	7				2	24	30	54	5	4	50	195	1	9	10	42	46	88
Burr Oak	Grace	1		1		10								3	7	10	1		7		1	2	3	6	2	8
Coldwater	St. Mark's	14	15	29	34	114	34	3	37	3	5		8	53	107	140	4	15	90	200	4	11	15	38	43	81
Courtland	St. Paul's	3		3		14				2			2	1	11	12		3	25	65						
Elk Rapids	St. Paul's	9	4	13	7	21	13	3	16		1		1	10	26	36	1	6	29	116	1	7	8	21	19	40
Grand Haven	St. John's	23	2	25	3	87	3	1	4	1			1	27	63	90	3	1	35		2	8	10	24	46	70
Grand Rapids	Grace	12	12	24	5	53	12		12		3	11	14	15	36	51		2	69	297	6	6	12	60	50	110
Grand Rapids	St. Mark's	35	11	46	26	559	30	55	85	2	15	3	20	228	396	624	13	22	335	1585	14	36	50	166	214	380
Grand Rapids	St. Paul's	18	7	25	17	93	8	10	18	1	18		19	23	69	92	11	8	75	315	3	8	11	30	50	80
Greenville	St. Paul's	7		7		50					19		19			31	7	4	25	100	2	3	5	13	19	32
Hastings	Emmanuel		2	2	2	69	2	2	4	1	6		7	6	60	66	9	10	38	142	1	7	8	25	27	52
Holland	Grace	4	4	8	5	21	6	1	7		2		2	1	25	26	2	1	16	71	1	4	5	11	23	34
Homer	Christ	3		3		21	1		1	1	4		5	6	12	18		1	11	29				5	10	15
Ionia	St. John's					93								26	67	93										
Kalamazoo	St. John's	3	3	6	3	128				2			2			126	12	7								
Kalamazoo	St. Luke's	12	4	16	10	166	10	23	33	4	8		12	38	149	187	5	18	105	353	5	9	14			103
Ludington	Grace	2	3	5	7	23	5	5	10		2		2	9	24	33	8	4	19	87	1	4	5	9	22	31
Lyons	Grace				1																					
Marshall	Trinity	28	17	45	15	160	20	8	28	5	11		16	50	122	172	6	18	109	350	5	14	19	85	116	201
Mendon	St. Paul's	3	2	5	1	36	2		2	1			1			37	3	5	38	115	3	5	8	17	26	43
Muskegon	St. Paul's	11	6	17	4	57	4	10	14		13		13			58	1	1	64		4	7	11			75
Niles	Trinity	58	224	282	310	155			320	9	125		134			341	6	11					20			120
Paw Paw	St. Mark's	8	4	12	11	29	8	4	12		3		3	8	30	38		5	31	116	1	6	7	20	31	51
Plainfield	Christ	1		1		4								1	3	4		1	6	25						
Saranac	Trinity	5	1	6	1	54	2	3	5		4		4	15	42	53	3		30	90	3	5	8	20	20	50

Abstract of Parochial Reports.--Condition and Growth. (Continued.)

PLACES.	NAMES OF CHURCHES.	BAPTISMS.			CONFIRMED.	COMMUNICANTS.											MARRIED.	BURIED.	FAMILIES.	Adults & Children.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.					
														Present No.							Teachers.			Scholars.		
		Infants.	Adults.	Total.		Last Reported.	Admitted.	Received.	Total Added.	Died.	Removed.	Dropped, etc	Total Lost.	Males.	Females.	Total.					Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Saugatuck	All Saints'	3	3	6	7	32	7	2	9	....	2	....	2	15	24	39	2	4	40	172	2	5	7	25	35	60
St. Joseph	Christ	2	1	3	....	51	2	4	6	1	10	4	15	10	32	42	5	4	25	60	1	4	5	20	30	50
Three Rivers	Trinity	5	6	11	10	61	13	6	19	....	7	....	7	20	53	73	4	2	23	157	3	3	6	14	22	36
Union City	Grace	2	1	3	3	27	2	1	3	....	....	....	....	12	18	30	....	1	16	63	3	3	6	6	14	20
Whitehall	Redeemer	19	1	20	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	9	12	1	....	21	85	3	2	5	10	20	30
Missions, etc.																										
Cedar Springs	Mission	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Charlotte	St. John's	2	1	3	1	14	2	4	6	....	1	....	1	5	14	19	....	....	12	....	2	4	6	7	16	30
Coopersville	St. Mark's	1	3	4	3	8	3	....	3	....	....	....	....	3	8	11	....	....	12	35	4	4	8	6	20	26
Eaton Rapids	St. Matthias'	1	3	4	4	14	3	2	5	....	1	1	2	2	15	17	....	2	16	....	3	4	7	8	11	26
Grand Ledge	St. Andrew's	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	4	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Grand Rapids	Good Shepherd	2	2	4	1	48	....	3	3	2	....	8	10	7	34	41	....	2	43	194	6	10	16	90	96	186
Lowell	Holy Trinity	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	9	10	....	....	12	40	....	....	....	....	....	....
Manistee	Mission	18	5	23	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	19	24	....	....	24	110	....	....	....	....	....	....
Newaygo	St. Mark's	3	1	4	4	8	4	....	4	....	....	....	....	2	10	12	1	....	15	55	3	6	9	20	40	60
Pentwater	St. James'	2	....	2	1	14	1	1	2	....	3	....	3	3	10	13	....	1	7	30	....	2	2	4	6	10
Plainwell	Trinity	....	....	....	....	9	....	....	....	....	2	....	2	2	5	7	....	....	10	44	....	....	....	....	....	....
Portland	St. Paul's	....	....	....	....	15	....	4	4	1	3	....	4	....	....	15	....	....	9	....	1	....	1	....	....	5
Quincy	St. John's	6	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Rockford	Mission	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sand Lake	Mission	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	4	....	....	6	25	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sturgis	St. John's	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Traverse City	Grace	1	3	4	6	11	4	2	6	1	1	....	2	6	9	15	....	2	8	27	....	....	....	....	....	30
		*365	*367	*732	†540	2580	212	163	695	40	275	28	343	641	1677	3022	119	180	1631	5713	101	226	341	909	1231	2474

*Including Baptisms reported by the Bishop, page 78.
†Including Confirmations at Evart, 1; Hersey, 5; Mount Pleasant, 4. Bishop's Address, pages 55, 61, 64, 65.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.---Contributions.

PARISHES.	WITHIN THE DIOCESE.						WITHOUT THE DIOCESE.								
	DIOCESAN.														
	PAROCHIAL.	Diocesan Missions.	Diocesan Assessment.	Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund.	Other Objects.	Total for Diocesan Objects.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions to Colored People.	Indian Missions.	Increase of Ministry & Nashotah.	Other Objects.	Total Outside of Diocese.	Total from Associations of Women.	Total from Sunday Schools.	Total from all Sources.
Albion, St. James'	$1,429 04	$ 10 00	$14 20	$1 70	.....	$ 25 90	$2 05	$5 00	.....	.....	$4 10	.....	$ 11 15	$121 49	$116 86	$1,496 09
Allegan, Good Shepherd	1,494 00	30 00	11 08	4 20	$10 00	55 28	2 25	2 25	$1 00	$1 50	5 25	.....	12 25	122 53	119 00	1,561 53
Battle Creek, St. Thomas'	6,700 12	18 00	10 00	.....	.....	28 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00	.....	40 00	289 56	89 56	6,568 12
Big Rapids, St. Andrew's	1,275 29	15 00	.....	5 31	10 22	30 53	11 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00	340 00	76 05	1,324 82
Burr Oak, Grace	34 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 83
Coldwater, St. Mark's	1,629 00	50 00	14 84	4 70	10 00	79 54	15 70	12 56	6 94	6 14	7 71	.....	49 05	43 57	62 02	1,757 68
Courtland, St. Paul's	74 50	10 00	1 58	.....	.....	11 58	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	86 93
Elk Rapids, St. Paul's	946 69	70 00	14 00	7 00	.....	71 09	5 55	1 00	1 00	1 00	16 00	$87 00	31 55	30 07	111 41	1,049 33
Grand Haven, St. John's	1,127 82	15 25	.....	2 00	.....	17 25	.....	.....	.....	2 25	3 70	.....	5 95	.....	18 50	1,151 02
Grand Rapids, Grace	588 86	25 00	11 80	.....	11 52	48 32	4 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 30	30 83	90 00	50 40	668 01
Grand Rapids, St. Mark's	15,902 00	500 00	120 00	.....	1,348 00	1,968 00	339 60	185 00	200 00	46 00	130 00	523 00	1,523 60	.....	277 00	19,083 00
Grand Rapids, St. Paul's	1,099 00	25 00	19 00	3 00	130 00	177 00	2 00	3 00	1 50	1 50	3 00	.....	11 00	.....	38 00	1,278 00
Greenville, St. Paul's	2,185 02	14 00	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	359 04	.....	2,199 02
Hastings, Emmanuel	1,509 65	60 00	20 78	9 50	10 00	100 28	7 35	15 41	15 33	13 13	9 95	86 92	148 09	401 63	22 62	1,618 02
Holland, Grace	173 18	10 00	6 05	2 00	.....	18 05	5 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	6 50	.....	15 00	197 73
Homer, Christ	164 00	4 00	3 23	.....	1 00	8 23	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	175 23
Ionia, St. John's	.....	17 25	.....	5 42	.....	22 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 67
Kalamazoo, St. John's	.....	25 00	13 00	.....	.....	38 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	48 00
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's	5,091 14	325 91	55 44	28 93	519 56	929 84	368 27	89 93	42 17	43 17	158 98	12 10	714 62	261 47	201 65	5,735 60
Ludington, Grace	614 09	15 00	5 00	1 00	.....	21 00	75	75	75	75	1 00	.....	4 00	311 21	13 12	639 09
Lyons, Grace	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall, Trinity	2,379 07	155 00	26 56	14 00	26 50	222 06	17 30	13 00	2 67	50 00	26 87	6 04	115 88	184 75	60 07	2,717 01
Mendon, St. Paul's	1,925 00	15 00	3 25	2 00	.....	20 25	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	60 00	1,950 25
Muskegon, St. Paul's	54 54	10 00	14 50	10 00	2 00	86 50	5 31	1 00	.....	1 00	10 48	30 00	47 79	.....	26 88	168 83
Niles, Trinity	4,851 00	140 00	30 95	7 00	.....	187 94	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 02	.....	16 02	.....	25 00	6,054 96
Paw Paw, St. Mark's	1,019 67	5 00	2 00	2 00	.....	9 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	7 00	684 29	117 70	1,093 57
Plainfield, Christ	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	6 90

Abstract of Parochial Reports.--Contributions. (Continued.)

PARISHES.	WITHIN THE DIOCESE.						WITHOUT THE DIOCESE.								
	PAROCHIAL.	DIOCESAN.					Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions to Colored People.	Indian Missions.	Increase of Ministry & Nashotah.	Other Objects.	Total Outside of Diocese.	Total from Associations of Women.	Total from Sunday School.	Total from all Sources.
		Diocesan Missions.	Diocesan Assessment.	Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund.	Other Objects	Total for Diocesan Objects.										
Saranac, Trinity	$ 215 55	$ 10 00	$3 48	$1 50	.....	$ 14 98	$ 50	$ 75	.....	.....	$1 00	.....	$ 2 25	.....	.....	$230 78
Saugatuck, All Saints'	250 28	9 78	.....	3 60	.....	13 38	12 00	4 00	$1 00	.....	5 00	.....	22 00	.....	.....	294 66
St. Joseph, Christ	368 96	25 00	8 60	4 00	.....	37 60	5 00	2 00	3 00	$2 00	2 00	.....	14 00	.....	$ 20 21	420 56
Three Rivers, Trinity	1,492 60	12 72	16 46	4 06	.....	33 24	1 60	3 50	2 40	1 38	5 55	.....	14 43	$102 78	20 24	1,540 27
Union City, Grace	134 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	134 36
Whitehall, Redeemer	500 00	11 71	1 00	.....	.....	12 71	4 25	.....	.....	.....	12 50	.....	16 75	.....	.....	529 46
Missions, etc.																
Cedar Springs, Mission	4 50	2 04	.....	.....	.....	2 04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 54
Charlotte, St. John's	504 90	.....	.....	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 60	506 40
Coopersville, St. Mark's	64 71	2 00	74	2 90	1 73	7 37	2 20	1 18	1 63	1 62	3 92	.....	10 55	.....	.....	82 63
Eaton Rapids, St. Matthias'	1,625 80	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,632 80
Grand Ledge, St. Andrew's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Rapids, Good Shep'erd	316 29	35 00	12 00	.....	.....	47 00	12 03	.....	.....	.....	5 00	88 25	105 28	81 00	76 06	468 57
Lowell, Holy Trinity	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Manistee, Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newaygo, St. Mark's	124 28	3 62	.....	.....	2 76	6 38	5 96	1 30	.....	1 20	5 50	.....	13 96	.....	.....	144 62
Pentwater, St. James'	82 15	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	75	75	75	75	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	90 15
Plainwell, Trinity	91 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91 71	.....	91 71
Portland, St. Paul's	110 00	.....	.....	1 77	.....	1 77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111 77
Quincy, St. John's	43 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 71
Rockford, Mission	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 93	.....	.....	23 93
Sand Lake, Mission	5 00	1 79	.....	.....	.....	1 79	1 27	1 97	.....	2 05	.....	.....	5 29	.....	.....	12 08
Sturgis, St. John's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Traverse City, Grace	65 51	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 51
	$57,653 91	1,708 57	439 53	141 18	2,083 29	4,372 57	849 80	363 85	387 04	183 94	449 53	779 61	3,013 77	3,585 10	1,667 95	65,040 25

APPENDIX J.

Statistics

Of the Diocese of Western Michigan, for the Year Ending May 30th, A. D. 1876.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CLERGY—	
Canonically resident, (1 Bishop, 30 Presbyters, 2 Deacons,)	33
Clergymen connected with Parishes and Missions,	26
Clergymen temporarily disengaged,	3
Clergymen not performing Clerical duty,	3
CANDIDATES—	
For Priest's Orders,	1
For Deacon's Orders,	1
Postulants,	3
PARISHES—	
Number of, in union with the Convention,	33
Having Church edifices,	26
Having Church rooms,	2
Having Rectories,	8
Having both Chapel and Church edifice,	1
Supplied with full services,	15
Supplied in connection with another Parish or Mission,	11
Temporarily vacant, (Page 127,)	6
Virtually extinct,	1
Receiving Missionary aid,	11
Number of Non-Parochial Stations,	17
EPISCOPAL ACTS—See page 78.	

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

CONGREGATIONS—	
Families reported in 40 Parishes and Missions,	1,631
Adults and children in 34 Parishes and Missions,	5,713
N. B.—A full report would embrace 50 Parishes and Missions.	
BAPTISMS—	
Infants in 40 Parishes and Missions,	348
Adults in 32 " "	359
Total, including those reported by the Bishop,	732
CONFIRMED—	
In 38 Parishes and Missions,	540

COMMUNICANTS—		
Last reported in 40 Parishes and Missions,		2,590
Admitted in 29 Parishes and Missions,		212
Received in 26 Parishes and Missions,		163
Total added in 32 Parishes and Missions,		695
Died in 18 Parishes and Missions,		40
Removed from 28 Parishes and Missions,		275
Dropped, etc., in 6 Parishes and Missions,		28
Total lost in 34 Parishes and Missions,		343
Present number in 48 Parishes and Missions—Male, 641; female, 1,677; not specified, 704; total,		3,022
MARRIAGES—		
In 26 Parishes and Missions,		119
BURIALS—		
In 32 Parishes and Missions,		180
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—		
Teachers in 34 Parishes and Missions—Male, 101; female, 220; not designated, 20; total,		341
Scholars in 36 Parishes and Missions—Boys, 909; girls, 1,231; not specified, 333; total,		2,473

SUMMARY OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS.

TOTAL FOR PAROCHIAL OBJECTS—		
In 43 Parishes and Missions,		$57,653 91
For Diocesan Missions in 38 Par. and Missions,	$1,708.57	
For Diocesan Assessments in 26 Parishes and Missions.	439.53	
For Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund in 25 Parishes and Missions,	141.18	
For other objects in 13 Parishes and Missions,	2,083.29	
TOTAL FOR DIOCESAN OBJECTS—		
In 40 Parishes and Missions,		4,372 57
For Domestic Missions in 31 Par. and Missions,	$849.80	
For Foreign Missions in 24 Par. and Missions,	363.85	
For Home (Col.) Missions in 16 Parishes and Missions,	387.04	
For Indian Missions in 21 Par. and Missions,	183.94	
To the Society for the Increase of the Ministry in 23 Parishes and Missions,	278.84	
To Nashotah, in 7 Parishes and Missions,	170.69	
To Faribault, in 1 Parish and 1 Chapel,	33.00	
To other objects in 8 Parishes and Missions,	746.61	
TOTAL FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE—		
In 33 Parishes and Missions,		3,013 77
TOTAL FOR ALL PURPOSES,		$65,040 25
Of which from Women's Associations,	$3,585.10	
Of which from Sunday Schools,	1,667.95	

APPENDIX K.

Articles of Association

Of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan,

A Corporation formed by the execution and filing of these Articles of Association, in pursuance of "An Act to provide for the incorporation of Associations, Conventions, Conferences or religious bodies for literary, religious, or other benevolent purposes," approved March 27th, 1867, and the Acts amendatory thereto.

ARTICLE I.

The following persons, to wit:

George D. Gillespie, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan; Joseph W. Bancroft, Secretary of said Diocese; Sidney Beckwith, Registrar of said Diocese; William Stowe, James F. Conover, Albert W. Snyder, Samuel Earp, Alonzo Platt, Noah P. Loveridge, and Lebeus C. Chapin, Standing Committee of said Diocese;

John Coleman, John W. Clark, Henry B. Whittemore, Albert C. Lewis, James F. Conover, Peter R. L. Peirce, William B. Williams, Alpheus G. Smith, David M. Bateman, Board of Missions of said Diocese:

Theodore P. Sheldon, Treasurer of the Convention, Frederick A. Gorham, Charles P. Dibble, and Henry Brees, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund: do hereby associate themselves together, and form a Corporation under the name of "The Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan," according to the provisions of said statutes.

ARTICLE II.

The persons, or such of them as may hereafter hold the offices and places of Bishop, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer of the Convention, the Treasurer and Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, Standing Committee and Board of Missions of said Diocese, by whatever name they may be designated, shall, *ex-officio*, together with such other person or persons as may be elected by the Convention, be members of this Corporation, perpetually, without any other election, or appointment, or ceremony, than their election or appointment to the offices aforesaid, in said Diocese.

Each of the aforesaid persons, or their successors, shall cease to be members of this Corporation, whenever they cease to hold the offices or places aforesaid, and any member of this Corporation shall cease to be such upon his death, or removal from the Diocese, or his ceasing to be a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, or upon his removal from this Corporation by the Convention of said Diocese, and the vacancy which shall occur by the death, removal, or ceasing to be a member of said church, of any person not *ex-officio* a member of this Corporation, shall be filled by a vote of a majority of the remaining members of this Corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention of said Diocese shall have power to remove any corporator, who may cease to be a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, or for any incapacity or misbehavior, or other cause that by said Convention may be deemed sufficient.

ARTICLE IV.

The purposes of this Corporation and Association are:

1st. The management and control of all the property, real and personal, belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Western Michigan;

2d. The holding of all such property in its corporate name;

3d. The performance of such duties, and the exercise of such powers, relating to the temporalities of the Protestant Episcopal Church in said Diocese, as shall, from time to time, be prescribed by the Convention of said Diocese;

4th. To act as auxiliary to said Convention in regard to all the temporalities of the Diocese;

5th. To receive by purchase, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, any or all property, real and personal, designed for the use of said Diocese, and for the promotion of its interests, and to hold the same in trust for the use thereof, and to invest, sell, dispose of, or re-invest, the same as it may be advised, subject only to the control of the Convention of said Diocese.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of said Diocese shall be the President of this Corporation, and the Secretary of the said Convention shall be the Secretary of this Corporation.

The following persons, to wit:

George D. Gillespie, Frederick A. Gorham, Charles P. Dibble, Henry Brees, Alpheus G. Smith, James F. Conover, Sidney Beckwith, Henry B. Whittemore and Theodore P. Sheldon are hereby declared to be the first Trustees of this Corporation; and there shall be elected by such

Corporation annually, hereafter, in the manner provided by the By-Laws of such Corporation, nine (9) Trustees of the Corporation, who shall hold their office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI.

The annual meeting of this Corporation for the election of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may be necessary, shall be held at such time and at such place, as the By-Laws may prescribe.

ARTICLE VII.

This Corporation shall have power to make By-Laws, providing for the organization of the Board of Trustees, defining its powers and duties; to provide for the time and place of the Annual Meeting; for the calling of special meetings; for the manner of conveying property by the Corporation; defining and declaring the duties of the President, and Secretary, and Treasurer; providing for the appointment of such officers, other than those herein named as may, from time to time, be necessary, and for such other objects and purposes as the Corporation may deem necessary.

In Testimony Whereof, we have on this fourteenth day of September, A. D. 1875, hereto respectively subscribed our hands and set our seals.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,	ALPHEUS G. SMITH,
JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,	THEODORE P. SHELDON,
SIDNEY BECKWITH,	FREDERICK A. GORHAM,
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By-Laws of the Association.

"The Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan" do hereby adopt the following By-Laws, for the governance of said Association, viz:

SECTION I.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board of Trustees, who shall be the Executive Committee of the Association.

SECTION II.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The President and Secretary shall have such powers and duties as usually devolve upon the same officers in similar organizations.

SECTION III.

OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer of said Association shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties, in such sums as the Board of Trustees shall, from time to time, direct, with sufficient securities to be approved by said Board. He shall receive all such sums of money as may be due, or belonging to, the Association, whether the same be for the general purposes of the Diocese of Western Michigan, or for any particular fund, and shall hold and safely keep the same subject to the order of the Board of Trustees; and shall safely keep all deeds, mortgages, insurance policies, and securities, that may come into his hands, for the purpose or use of such Association; and shall make all releases, discharges, and acquitments necessary in regard thereto. He shall make a full and complete report of all moneys received and disbursed by him under the order of the Board of Trustees aforesaid, and of all securities, deeds or other conveyances held by him for such Association, at a meeting of the Association to be held on the day preceding the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

SECTION IV.

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees shall have the charge of all the temporalities of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and, by its Treasurer, receive and invest all moneys paid into the Association for such purpose, and shall provide for proper investment of such funds and the mode of securing the same. They shall also determine and authorize the sale and conveyance of real estate belonging to such Association. They shall make a full and complete report to the Association of their doings, at the meeting of such Association, on the day preceding the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

All conveyances of real estate, shall be made under resolution of said Board, and be executed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, or a majority of them.

SECTION V.

MEETINGS.

The regular Annual Meeting of this Association shall be held at the place of meeting of the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, on the day preceding the first day of meeting of such Convention, and, at such meeting, the Association shall prepare for such Convention, a full and complete statement of all the financial transactions of such Association during the year, showing, fully, all moneys received, invested, and paid out, and the purpose and object of the same, and present such statement to said Convention, through its proper officers, for its action, with all vouchers, securities, and other evidences of indebtedness, held by such Association in trust for said Convention. Such Meeting shall continue its session until the close of the Annual Convention, at which time it shall hold the Annual Election of its officers.

SECTION VI.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special meetings of the Association may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at the written request of the Board of Trustees, or any five members of the Association.

SECTION VII

ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of those present, notice having been given of the intended alteration or amendment.

By-Laws

Of the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

ARTICLE I.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex-officio*, the presiding officer of this Board. In his absence from any meeting of the Board a Chairman shall be appointed by the members present.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer, or a majority of them, shall make all conveyances, and execute all other legal papers, under the direction of the Board.

ARTICLE II.

The Secretary of this Board shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE III.

The President and the Secretary shall have such powers and duties as usually devolve upon the same officers in similar organizations.

ARTICLE IV.

The regular Annual Meeting of the Board shall be held on the same day, and at the same place, as the regular Annual Meeting of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

ARTICLE V.

Special Meetings of the Board may be called by the President, and shall be called at the written request of any three members of the Board.

ARTICLE VI.

A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Board, by a two-thirds vote of those present; previous notice having been given to all the members, of the proposed alteration or amendment.

APPENDIX L.

Schedule of Alterations

IN THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

The Constitution remains unaltered, save Article VI, which Article as amended, may be found on pages 36 and 37.

Canon I, is unaltered.

Canon II, as amended, may be found on pages 44, 45 and 46.

Canon III, remains unchanged, save section 3, which section is transferred to article VI, of the Constitution.

Canon IV, is unchanged.

Canon V is amended by the substitution of the word "General" for "Diocesan" in the last line.

Canons VI, VII, and VIII are unaltered.

In Canon IX, the words "after morning service," in the first line, are stricken out.

Canon X is unchanged.

Canon XI is amended by inserting the words "or Missionary" after the word "Parochial" in the fourth line.

A new Canon to be numbered XII, was adopted, and may be found on pages 34 and 35.

Canon XII, (old number,) has become Canon XIII, and, as amended, may be found on page 44.

Canon XIII, (old number,) has become Canon XIV, and, from the 8th line of Section I, now reads, "such surplus shall be safely invested by the Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the income of which shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Diocese upon his order."

Canon XIV, (old number,) has become Canon XV, and, in the first line, the word "statedly" is inserted after the word "officiate"; and, in the last line, after the words "Canon 9," the words "and Title I, Canon 3, Section 4," are inserted.

Canon XV, (old number,) is now Canon XVI, and in place of the words "Episcopal Fund" in the 2d and 3d lines, reads, "Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan."

Canons XVI, XVII, and XVIII, (old numbers,) are now respectively Canons XVII, XVIII, and XIX, and are, otherwise, unaltered, *save* that the latter, (Canon XVIII, old number,) is amended by inserting in the seventh line of Section 3, after the word "Diocese," the words "but all Missionaries shall be appointed by the Bishop."

Canon XIX, (old number,) is now Canon XX, and is amended in section 4, by striking out in the 3d and 4th lines, the words "such Body as the Convention shall by Canon designate," and the words, "by such designated Body," and, in place of the former, inserting the words "the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan."

Canon XX, (old number,) is now Canon XXI.

Attest: JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,
Secretary of the Convention.

GENERAL *RULES OF ORDER.

I. In case the Bishop shall withdraw from the sittings of the Convention, he shall appoint a Presbyter to preside during his absence.

II. Before the final adjournment of the Convention, the minutes of the session about to close shall be read and corrected, and signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary.

III. No resolution shall be entertained until it shall have been reduced to writing; and no motion shall be considered as before the Convention until it is seconded; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President.

IV. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it indefinitely, or to a certain time; to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for either of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. A motion to adjourn and a motion to lay on the table shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

V. A question being decided shall not be reconsidered at the same annual session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present; nor without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision.

*For obvious reasons the Rules of Order, hitherto in force, do not appear as usual in the proceedings of the Convention. But those which have not been incorporated into Canon II, are here printed for the convenience of the next Convention.

VI. Every member present when a motion is put shall vote thereon, unless excused by the Convention.

VII. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the Journal. (Concerning the vote by Orders, see Constitution, Article VII.)

VIII. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

IX. When a member desires to speak, he shall rise and address the President in an audible voice. If more than one member rise, the President shall determine the preference.

X. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Convention.

XI. No member shall withdraw from the Convention, without leave asked and voted.

OMISSION.—After the names of the Committee, at the bottom of page 39, should appear the following: The report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

CLERICAL CHANGES SINCE THE CONVENTION.

The Rev. Lorenzo D. Ferguson, LL. D., has resigned the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Mendon.

The Rev. Colley A. Foster, M. D., LL. D., has become Missionary in the vicinity of Grand Rapids. Residence, Grand Rapids.

The Rev. William Matthias has become Missionary at Evart, Farwell and Hersey. Residence, Evart.

The Rev. Moseley Morris will confine his labors to Coopersville and Newaygo.

The Rev. Henry Safford has ceased his labors at Quincy, retaining the Rectorship of Grace, Burr Oak.

The Rev. Sidney H. Woodford has resigned the Rectorship of St. Paul's, Greenville, and accepted that of St. Paul's, Muskegon.

The residence of the Rev. Lewis L. Rogers is at Fentonville, Mich., not at Saranac, as implied in the Clergy List.

The Rev. Luman Foote departed this life August 5, 1876.

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Hastings, Mich.

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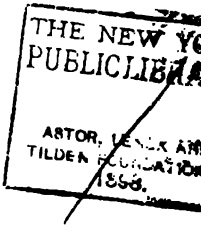
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Canons

OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

TITLE I.—CANON XIV.—GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MINISTERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

§ [I.] 1. It is hereby required that, on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:

We, the Church Wardens (or, in case of an Assistant Minister, We, the Rector and Church Wardens), do certify to the Right Rev. (naming the Bishop), or to the Rev. (naming the President of the Standing Committee) that (naming the person) has been duly chosen Rector (or Assistant Minister, as the case may be) of (naming the Parish or Church.)

Which certificate shall be signed by the names of those who certify.

N. B.—The *date* of election to a Rectorship should be given in the Canonical notice sent to the Bishop.

§ II. No Minister, removing from one Diocese or Missionary District to another, shall officiate as the Rector, stated Minister, or Assistant Minister of any Parish or Congregation of the Diocese or District to which he removes, until he shall have obtained from the Ecclesiastical Authority a certificate in the words following:

I hereby certify that the Rev. A—— B—— has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction and is a minister in regular standing.

TITLE II.—CANON XII.—GENERAL CONVENTION.—REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE LAITY.

§ II. A Communicant removing from one Parish to another shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or, if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a Communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive him or her as a Communicant until such letter be produced.

CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN—X.—OF VACANT CHURCHES.

§ II. Whenever a Church becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

§ III. The Bishop may appoint those of the Clergy in the Diocese who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant Parishes, at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper. It shall be the duty of such vacant Churches thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incidental to such occasional services.

Diocese of Western Michigan.

A. D. 1877.

BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE,
THE RIGHT REVEREND GEORGE D. GILLESPIE, D. D.,
Grand Rapids.

SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION,
The Rev. JOSEPH W. BANCROFT, Hastings.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
The Rev. WILLIAM H. KNOWLTON, Grand Rapids.

TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION, AND OF THE FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGY,
Mr. THEODORE P. SHELDON, Kalamazoo.

TREASURER FOR ALL OBJECTS OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE,
Mr. THEODORE P. SHELDON, Kalamazoo.

REGISTRAR OF THE DIOCESE,
The Rev. SIDNEY BECKWITH, Grand Rapids.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Rev. WILLIAM STOWE, President, Grand Haven.
The Rev. JAMES F. CONOVER, Secretary, Kalamazoo.
The Rev. HENRY B. WHITTEMORE, The Rev. GEORGE D. E. MORTIMER,
Mr. ALONZO PLATT, Mr. LEBEUS C. CHAPIN,
Mr. DAN J. ARNOLD.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Right Reverend GEORGE D. GILLESPIE, D. D.,
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The Rev. ROBERT WOOD, Mr. DAVID G. ROBINSON,
Mr. DAVID FISHER, Treasurer, Kalamazoo.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Rev. JAMES F. CONOVER,
The Rev. GEORGE D. E. MORTIMER,
The Rev. JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,
The Rev. ALBERT C. LEWIS,
Mr. PETER P. R. L. PEIRCE,
Mr. LEBEUS C. CHAPIN,
Mr. WILLIAM B. WILLIAMS,
Mr. JOHN H. MONTGOMERY.

NOMINATED AS TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Rev. ROBERT H. PAINE,
The Rev. J. RICE TAYLOR,
The Rev. GERRET E. PETERS,
Hon. GEORGE WOODRUFF.

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

A Body Corporate, holding and managing the Funds of the Diocese at the pleasure of the Convention, composed of *ex-officio* members and *elective* members.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, EX-OFFICIO.

The Bishop, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Registrar, the Members of the Standing Committee and of the Board of Missions.

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVENTION.

Mr. GEORGE WOODRUFF,
Mr. HENRY BREES,
Mr. FREDERICK A. GORHAM,
Mr. NOAH P. LOVERIDGE.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

President—The Right Reverend, the Bishop.
Secretary—The Secretary of the Convention.
Treasurer—Mr. Frederick A. Gorham, Grand Rapids.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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Rev. SIDNEY BECKWITH.

EXAMINING CHAPLAINS.

The Rev. V. SPALDING, in charge of "The First Examination."
The Rev. JOHN L. TAYLOR, in charge of "The Second Examination."
The Rev. ALBERT C. LEWIS, in charge of "The Third Examination."
The Rev. ROBERT WOOD, in charge of "The examination of the literary qualifications of a Postulant or Candidate," and "of a Candidate for the office and administration of a Deacon only."

COMMITTEES TO REPORT TO THE NEXT CONVENTION.

On Life Insurance for the Clergy.

The Rev. ROBERT MCMURDY, D.D., LL.D. Mr. DAN J. ARNOLD,
The Rev. ROBERT H. PAINE, Mr. WILLIAM J. STUART,
Mr. EDWIN H. DEYOE.

On Wardens and Vestrymen.

The Rev. JAMES F. CONOVER, Mr. WILLIAM B. WILLIAMS,
The Rev. HENRY B. WHITTEMORE, Mr. NOAH P. LOVERIDGE,
Mr. CHARLES F. BOCK.

REPRESENTATION OF THE DIOCESE IN THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Right Reverend GEORGE D. GILLESPIE, D. D., *Ex-Officio.*

The Rev. JAMES F. CONOVER, The Rev. JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,
Mr. NOAH P. LOVERIDGE, Mr. THEODORE P. SHELDON,
Mr. WILLIAM R. SHELBY, Mr. FREDERICK A. GORHAM.

By Election in the General Convention.

The members-elect above named have effected an organization "For Promoting the work of the Board," and have assigned the work as follows:

LOCAL SECRETARIES.

Rev. GEORGE D. E. MORTIMER, Grand Rapids—For Domestic Missions.

Rev. JAMES F. CONOVER, Kalamazoo—For Foreign Missions.

Rev. GERRET E. PETERS, Albion—For Home Missions to Colored People.

Rev. WALTER SCOTT, Allegan—For Indian Missions.

Mrs. S. L. Fuller, Grand Rapids—For Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

Messrs. T. P. SHELDON, F. A. GORHAM, N. P. LOVERIDGE, for promoting the circulation of Missionary Periodicals and Literature.

W. R. SHELBY, Secretary.

LOCAL SECRETARY FOR THE SOCIETY FOR THE INCREASE OF THE MINISTRY,

The Rev. HENRY B. WHITTEMORE, Marshall.

List of the Clergy

CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

May 30th, A. D. 1877.

Those marked † not entitled to seats in the Convention.—*Constitution, Art. VI*
Those marked * absent.

BISHOP.

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, (Consecrated February 24, A. D. 1875.) Residence, Grand Rapids.

PRESBYTERS.

Bancroft, Joseph W., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings.
Barker, Darius, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Paw Paw.
Beckwith, Sidney, Rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids.
† Bishop, Addis E., Officiating in St. Paul's Church, Mendon.
* † Brittain, William, Officiating in St. John's Church, Ionia.
* † Coleman, John.
Conover, James F., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.
Cook, Herbert J., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Coldwater.
* Foster, Colley A., LL. D., Missionary in the vicinity of Grand Rapids.
* † Ferguson, Lorenzo D.
* † Huson, Charles R., P. O., Coldwater.
Knowlton, William H., Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids.
Large, Joseph S., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.
Lewis, Albert C., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids.
McMurdy, Robert, D. D., LL. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Niles.
Morris, Moseley, Missionary at Newaygo and Coopersville. P. O., Grand Rapids.
† Mortimer, George D. E., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.
Paine, Robert H., Rector of St. John's Church, Kalamazoo.
Peters, Gerret E., Rector of St. James' Church, Albion.

Prichard, Joseph B., Rector of Grace Church, Ludington, and Missionary at Pentwater. P. O., Ludington.

* Rogers, Lewis L., Rector of Trinity Church, Saranac. P. O., Fenton.

* Safford, Henry, Rector of Grace Church, Burr Oak, and St. John's Church, Sturgis. P. O., Coldwater.

Scott, Walter, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan.

* Selkrig, James, Bradley, Allegan County.

* Spalding, V., Three Rivers.

Stowe, William, Rector of St. John's Church, Grand Haven.

Taylor, J. Rice, Rector of All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, and Grace Church, Holland. P. O., Saugatuck.

Taylor, John L., Missionary at Eaton Rapids and Charlotte. P. O., Charlotte.

Whittemore, Henry B., Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall.

Wood, Robert, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall.

Woodford, Sidney H., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Muskegon.

DEACONS.

Matthias, William, Missionary at Hersey, Evart and Farwell. P. O., Evart.

† Sparling, William H., Officiating in Grace Church, Traverse City.

OFFICIATING IN CHRIST'S CHURCH, HOMER.

Corson, Levi H., of the Diocese of Michigan.

SUMMARY.

Number Canonically resident: The Bishop, 30 Presbyters, 2 Deacons..	33
Number entitled to seats in the Convention	26
Of whom there were present	22
Number not entitled to seats	7
Of whom there were present	3

POSTULANTS.

John Frederick Nitschke, of St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo:
Admitted June 12, 1875. Kearsage School, Kingston, N. Y.

Horace Gates, of St. Paul's Church, Muskegon:
Admitted June 25, 1875. Nashotah Preparatory School.

CANDIDATES.

FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

Charles Taylor Wood, of the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall. Admitted August 7, 1873. Racine College, Racine, Wis.

William Heavener Sparling, late an "ordained Minister in the Methodist Denomination," of Evart. Admitted June 20, 1876. Ordained Deacon.

FOR PRIEST'S ORDERS.

Rev. William Matthias, (Deacon.) Admitted March 26, 1876.

William Wadsworth Taylor. Admitted September 26, 1876, Divinity School in Philadelphia, Penn.

Eugene Jeffrey Babcock. Admitted September 26, 1876, General Theological Seminary, New York.

Rev. William H. Sparling, (Deacon.) Admitted February 15, 1877.

A List of Parishes.

IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN, IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ADMISSION.

When Admitted.	Parish.	Place.	When Admitted.	Parish.	Place.
	Trinity,	Niles. *c.*	1864	*Emmanuel*,	Hastings. *d.*
1836	St. Mark's,	Grand Rapids. *c.*	1865	Grace,	Union City. *a. d.*
1836	Trinity,	Marshall.	1866	*St. John's*,	Grand Haven.
	St. Luke's,	Kalamazoo. *c.*	1867	*St. Paul's*,	Mendon. *d.*
1840	St. James',	Albion.	1867	St. Paul's,	Muskegon.
1841	*Christ*,	Homer.	1868	Grace,	Burr Oak. *b.*
1841	St. John's,	Ionia.	1868	*Grace*,	Holland.
1843	St. Thomas',	Battle Creek. *a. c.*	1869	*All Saints'*,	Saugatuck. *d.*
	St. Mark's,	Coldwater.	1870	*Redeemer*,	Whitehall.
1851	St. Mark's,	Paw Paw.	1871	St. Paul's,	Elk Rapids. *b.*
1851	Christ,	Plainfield. *a.*	1872	Christ,	St. Joseph. *a. b.*
1855	Grace,	Lyons. *a. b.*	1872	*St. Paul's*,	Grand Rapids.
	Good Shepherd,	Allegan.	1872	St. Paul's,	Greenville. *a. d.*
	Trinity,	Saranac.	1873	St. Andrew's,	Big Rapids. *d.*
1860	*St. John's*,	Kalamazoo. *c. d.*	1873	*Grace*,	Ludington. *c.*
	St. Paul's,	Courtland. *a. b.*	1875	*Grace*,	Grand Rapids.
1861	Trinity,	Three Rivers. *a. d.*	1877	*Grace*,	Traverse City.

Number of Parishes, 34.

Names of Parishes in Italics are Free Churches.

a. Has no Rector. *b.* Has no Church Edifice. *c.* Has a Rectory. *d.* Church not Consecrated.

A List of the Clergy

IN THE ORDER OF THEIR CANONICAL RESIDENCE, WITH THE YEARS OF THEIR ORDINATION, OR TRANSFER.

1834.

The Rev. James Selkrig.

1864.

The Rev. C. A. Foster, LL. D.
From the Diocese of Indiana.

1865.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft.
O. Sept. 19, at Marshall.
O. May 22, 1867, at Hastings.

1866.

The Rev. D. Barker.

1867.

The Rev. J. R. Taylor. (1859)
From the Diocese of Ohio.

1868.

The Rev. S. Beckwith.

2869.

The Rev. J. B. Prichard.

1870.

The Rev. A. C. Lewis.
The Rev. G. E. Peters
The Rev. H. Safford. (1860)
Dec. 10. From the Diocese of Ills.
The Rev. M. Morris.
Dec. 16. From the Diocese of Wis.

1871.

The Rev. C. R. Huson.

1872.

The Rev. J. F. Conover.
O. Oct. 13, at Kalamazoo.
The Rev. V. Spalding.

1873.

The Rev. J. L. Taylor.
The Rev. S. H. Woodford.

1874.

The Rev. W. Stowe.
The Rev. Robert Wood. (1856.)
O. April 15, 1858, at Grand Rapids.
The Rev. H. B. Whittemore.
From the Diocese of Arkansas.
The Rev. J. Coleman.
From the Diocese of New Jersey.

1875.

The Rt. Rev. G. D. Gillespie, D. D.
Cons. Feb. 24, at Grand Rapids.
The Rev. L. D. Ferguson, LL. D,
March 17. From the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.
The Rev. L. L. Rogers.
April 2. From the Diocese of Michigan.
The Rev. W. Scott.
May 1. From the Diocese of Indiana.
The Rev. J. S. Large.
May 30. From the Diocese of Indiana.
The Rev. H. J. Cook.
June 10. From the Diocese of Central New York.

1876.

The Rev. W. H. Knowlton.
Jan. 14. From the Diocese of Minnesota.
The Rev. R. McMurdy, D. D., LL. D.
March 10 From the Diocese of Illinois.
The Rev. W. Matthias.
O. March 26, at Coldwater.
The Rev. R. H. Paine.
Dec. 1. From the Diocese of Rhode Island.
The Rev. W. Brittain.
Dec. 20. From the Diocese of Maryland.
The Rev. W. H. Sparling.
O. Dec. 31, at Albion.

1877.

The Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer.
April 2. From the Diocese of Georgia.
The Rev. A. E. Bishop.
April 30. From the Diocese of Indiana.

The year *attached* to a name shows the beginning of a former residence within the limits of this Diocese.

THE CONVOCATION OF GRAND RAPIDS.

Names of Counties.	Population.	Towns having Parishes	Having Organized Missions.	Having one or more Services during the year by the Bishop or other Clergymen.
Antrim	3,240	Elk Rapids.		
Benzie,	2,663			
Clare,	1,354		Farwell.	
Charlevoix,	2,360			
Emmett,	1,272			Petoskey.
Gr'd Traverse,	5,349	Traverse City		
Ionia,	28,376	Ionia		Hubbardston.
		Lyons		Portland.
		Saranac.		
Isabella,	6,059		Mount Pleasant.	
Kalkaska,	1,259			
Kent,	62,671	Grand Rapids, (3 *Par.*, 1 *Chap'l*)		Lowell.
		Courtland		
		Plainfield.		
Lake,	1,813			Baldwin.
Leelenaw,	5,031			Northport.
Manistee,	8,471		Manistee.	
Mason,	5,361	Ludington.		
Mecosta,	9,132	Big Rapids.		
Missaukee,	606			
Montcalm,	20,815	Greenville		Howard City.
Muskegon,	19,375	Muskegon.		Flower Creek.
		Whitehall.		Montague.
Newaygo,	8,758		Newaygo.	
Oceana,	8,930			Pentwater.
Osceola,	6,216		Evart and Hersey	Tustin.
Ottawa,	28,929	Grand Haven	Coopersville	
		Holland		
Wexford,	3,011			Manton.
23 Counties.	241,181	17 Parishes.	7 Missions.	12 Stations

THE CONVOCATION OF KALAMAZOO.

Allegan,	32,381	Allegan.		Bradley.
		Saugatuck.		Otsego.
				Plainwell.
				Wayland.
Barry,	22,651	Hastings.		
Berrien,	35,029	Niles		Benton Harbor.
		St. Joseph.		
Branch,	25,726	Coldwater		Quincy.
		Union City		
Calhoun,	35,655	Marshall		
		Battle Creek.		
		Albion.		
		Homer.		
Cass,	20,525			Edwardsburg.
Eaton.	26,907		Charlotte	Grand Ledge.
			Eaton Rapids.	
Kalamazoo,	32,284	Kalamazoo, (2 *Parishes*)		Augusta.
				Galesburg.
				Schoolcraft.
St. Joseph,	25,906	Three Rivers		Centerville
		Mendon.		Constantine.
		Burr Oak.		
		*Sturgis.		
Van Buren,	29,156	Paw Paw.		Breedsville.
				Decatur.
				Lawrence.
				Lawton.
				South Haven.
10 Counties.	285,620	18 Parishes	2 Missions.	18 Stations.

Total population of the Diocese, (census of 1874) 527,101.
*Not yet admitted into Union with the Convention.

REPORT.

Your Committee reports that the Certificates of Election referred to its examination are in due form, and the following named persons are Canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, viz., from

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Hastings—Emmanuel Church—David G. Robinson and Marcus W. Ri[illegible]er.

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Kalamazoo—St. Luke's Church—Theo. P. Sheldon, David Fisher and Le[illegible]eus C. Chapin, M. D.

Niles—Trinity Church—Rufus W. Landon, James P. Howlett and Ch[illegible]arles J. Sterling.

Paw Paw—St. Mark's Church—Alfred J. Mills and Frank E. Bitely.

Respectfully submitted.

SIDNEY BECKWITH,
MOSELEY MORRIS.

The report was accepted.

The names of Lay Delegates were then called, and 10 Parishes were found to be represented by 23 Delegates.

The Chair declared the Convention duly organized, and ready for business.

The election of a Secretary being in order, the Chair appointed as tellers the Rev. W. H. Sparling and Mr. F. A. Gorham.

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†Alternate of one of the before named on the Second day of Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Sidney Beckwith and the Rev. Moseley Morris a Committee to examine the Credentials of the Lay Delegates, and report on the same; whereupon the Convention adjourned to the hour of 2½ o'clock P. M. for the purpose of engaging in Divine service.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Morning Prayer to the end of the Psalter, which was the Vth Selection of Psalms, was said by the Rev. George D. E. Mortimer.

The First Lesson, being Isaiah LXI., was read by the Rev. Gerret E. Peters.

The Second Lesson, being Revelation I., was read by the Rev. William H. Sparling.

The Nicene Creed and Prayers to the Litany, by the Rev. Addis E. Bishop.

The Litany, by the Rev. Robert H. Paine.

The Ante-Communion, by the Bishop, the Epistle being read by the Rev. J. Rice Taylor.

The Bishop delivered a part of his Annual Address.

The Sentences of the Offertory were read by the Rev. Robert McMurdy, D.D., LL. D., Rector of the Parish.

The Prayer for the Church Militant, by the Rev. D. Barker, and the Exhortations and Confession, by the Rev. Jesse T. Webster of the Diocese of Michigan.

The Bishop was assisted in the distribution of the Elements to the Laity, by the Rev. Joseph S. Large and the Rev. J. Rice Taylor, the Rev. Mr. Large saying the Prayers of the Post-Communion.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.30 P. M.

After Prayers by the Bishop, the Committee on the Credentials of the Lay Delegates presented the following

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REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Twenty-nine ballots have been cast for Secretary of Convention, and Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft is unanimously elected.

W. H. SPARLING.
F. A. GORHAM.

The Secretary asked the consent of the Convention to the appointment of the Rev. William H. Knowlton as Assistant Secretary; which was granted.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, the General Rules of Order printed on pages 149 and 150 of the Journal of 1876 were adopted for the governance of this Convention.

GENERAL RULES OF ORDER.

I. In case the Bishop shall withdraw from the sittings of the Convention, he shall appoint a Presbyter to preside during his absence.

II. Before the final adjournment of the Convention, the minutes of the session about to close shall be read and corrected, and signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary.

III. No resolution shall be entertained until it shall have been reduced to writing; and no motion shall be considered as before the Convention until it is seconded; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President.

IV. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it indefinitely, or to a certain time; to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for either of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. A motion to adjourn and a motion to lay on the table shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

V. A question being decided shall not be reconsidered at the same annual session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present; nor without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision.

VI. Every member present when a motion is put shall vote thereon, unless excused by the Convention.

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"	"	Emmanuel	Hastings	19
"	"	Grace	Holland	5
"	"	Christ	Homer	2
"	"	St. John's	Kalamazoo	11
"	"	St. Luke's	Kalamazoo	54
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The reports were accepted and referred.

The report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese was then read.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

June 1, 1876.—The Committee met in Trinity Church, Marshall, and organized by electing Rev. William Stowe, President, and Rev. James F. Conover, Secretary.

June 20.—The Committee met in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, appropriated $50.00 to Rev. Darius Barker, from the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, and admitted William H. Sparling, late a Methodist minister, to be a candidate for Holy Orders.

June 29.—The Committee met at St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, and gave consent to the consecration of Rev. William Stevens Perry, D.D., Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Iowa.

Sept. 26.—The Committee met at St. Mark's Rectory, Grand Rapids, adopted rules for appropriations from the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy; admitted William W. Taylor of All Saints' Parish, Saugatuck, to be a candidate for Holy Orders; appropriated $50.00 to Rev. V. Spalding, from the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund; resolved that the call of future meetings of the Standing Committee must state the object of the meeting, and authorized the Secretary to draw on the Treasurer of the Diocese for the expenses of the members of the Standing Committee.

Dec. 22.—The Committee met in St. Mark's Rectory, Grand Rapids, recommended Mr. William H. Sparling for Deacon's Orders; appointed Mr. Charles F. Bock of Battle Creek, member of the Board of Missions in place of Mr. A. G. Smith, resigned; signed the testimonials consenting to the consecration of Rev. Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, D.D., Missionary Bishop-elect of China, and Rev. C. Clifton Penick, Missionary Bishop-elect of Africa, and by resolution, which the Secretary was authorized to present, requested the Trustees of the Diocese to "take into consideration the condition of the Church property at Holland, and adopt such measures as in their judgment may seem best, to secure the same to the Church."

Feb. 8, 1877.—The Committee met in St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo. A letter from Rev. L. D. Ferguson, late of St. Paul's Church, Mendon, stating that he had abandoned the Communion of the Church, and entered another religious body not in communion with it, was read, and the facts it contained certified to the Bishop as required by Canon. Mr. Noah P. Loveridge was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Diocese in place of Mr. A. G. Smith removed from the Diocese.

April 12.—The Committee met in St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo. A letter from Rev. Samuel Earp was read, in which in consequence of his removal from the Diocese, he resigned his place on this and all other Committees of the Diocese of which he had been a member. Resolutions expressive of the sense of the Committee in parting with Rev. Mr. Earp were adopted; his place on the Standing Committee filled by the election of Rev. Gerret E. Peters, Rector of St. James' Church, Albion; and his place on the Board of Missions by the election of Rev. J. F. Conover. The Committee recommended the ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. William Matthias.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. STOWE, President.

J. F. CONOVER, Secretary.

On motion the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Missions was made the special order for the evening session.

The Treasurer of the Board of Missions read his Annual Report.

REPORT (CONDENSED.)

Received by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions during the Conventional year of 1876 and '77, *from all sources for the general purposes of the Board:*

Balance from last Convention	$405 77
Offertory at " "	14 42
St. James', Albion	10 00
Good Shepherd, Allegan	36 00
St. Thomas', Battle Creek	36 00
St. Andrew's, Big Rapids	8 80
Grace, Burr Oak	9 70
St. Mark's, Coldwater	60 00
" " " S. S.	10 00
St. Paul's, Elk Rapids	37 00
" " " S. S.	15 00
Grace, Grand Rapids	56 00
St. Mark's, " "	391 96
St. Paul's, " "	25 00
" " " S. S.	10 00
Emmanuel, Hastings	60 00
Grace, Holland	5 00
St. John's, Kalamazoo	10 00
St. Luke's, "	350 00
Grace, Ludington	11 25
Trinity, Marshall	117 50
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" Niles	150 00
St. Mark's, Paw Paw	3 75
Trinity, Saranac	3 63
All Saints', Saugatuck	15 00
Christ, St. Joseph	2 00
Trinity, Three Rivers	7 50
Redeemer, Whitehall	12 00
Epiphany, Coopersville	6 00
St. Matthias', Eaton Rapids	10 00
St. John's, Evart	2 44
Trinity, Farwell	83
Grace, Hersey	1 71
St. Paul's, Manistee	10 00
St. Mark's, Newaygo	10 04
St. James', Pentwater	7 62
St. John's, Quincy	4 17
Grace, Traverse City	15 00
Bertha Rose, of Coldwater	1 17
Mrs. Fisher	5 00
C. P. Dibble	40 00
Bishop Gillespie	50 00
Estate of Mrs. Gillespie	31 00
Rev. A. C. Lewis	8 50
Rev. Robert McMurdy, D. D.	17 75
N. P. Loveridge	20 00
A lady of Pontiac	1 00
Mrs. H. S. McDonald	5 00
Rev. H. J. Cook	5 00
T. P. Sheldon	10 00
Rev. W. Stowe	5 00
Treasurer of the Convention, for exp's of Members of the Board	35 00
Total Receipts	$2,193 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. H. J. Cook, expenses	$ 29 65	Rev. W. Forgus	"		12 50
D. Fisher "	9 00	" A. C. Lewis	"		133 33
A. G. Smith "	13 80	" W. Matthias	"		300 00
Rev. H. B. Whittemore "	10 80	" M. Morris	"		91 67
Rev. A. C. Lewis "	17 00	" G. E. Peters	"		91 67
Rev. W. Scott "	6 80	" J. B. Prichard	"		183 33
Rev. S. Earp "	2 10	" L. L. Rogers	"		25 00
H. A. Goodyear "	3 50	" H. Safford	"		70 83
Rev. R. Wood "	2 00	" V. Spalding	"		50 00
Rev. D. Barker "	1 25	" W. H. Sparling	"		175 00
Expenses of Treas'r for postage, exchange, stationery, etc	7 39	" W. Stowe	"		50 00
"Our Dioceses," for printing	8 00	" J. L. Taylor	"		179 17
Rev. D. Barker, stipend	57 08	" J. R. Taylor	"		170 37
" A. E. Bishop "	50 00	" R. Wood	"		71 75
" W. Brittain "	125 00	Balance to next year			145 02
" H. J. Cook "	100 00				$2,193 01

SPECIAL FUND FOR A GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Balance from last year	$100 39
By Mrs Laura R. Smith	5 00
" Trinity Church, Marshall	10 00
" Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids	10 00
" Mrs. H. B. Whittemore	10 00
Amount	$135 39

BISHOP GILLESPIE'S TRUST FUND.

Balance from last year	$155 00
Loan repaid	5 00
Three contributions from a Layman	30 00
St. Mark's Industrial Band, Grand Rapids	30 00
Total receipts	$220 00

PAYMENTS.

For printing	$27 25
Com. Prayers, tracts and other books	87 32
Church furniture	25 50
Periodicals	20 00
To a Candidate for Orders	20 00
Credit to new account	39 93
	$220 00

UNPAID PLEDGES.

St. Paul's, Courtland	$ 10 00	St. Paul's, Muskegon	40 00
St. Mark's Grand Rapids	167 04	St. John's, Sturgis	10 00
Individual pledge, Grand Rapids	500 00	Trinity, Three Rivers	7 50
St Paul's, Greenville	15 00	Rev. S. H. Woodford	5 00
C. M. Atkins	10 00		
Total unpaid for 1876 and '77			$764 54

None of the unpaid pledges reported to the last convention have been paid, except that of St. John's Church, Kalamazoo.

I have received from the Rev. W. H. Knowlton, Treasurer of the Diocesan Semi-Annual Missionary Meetings, the following statement of receipts and expenditures:

RECEIVED.

Nov. 16, 1876—Offertory at Hastings	$11 00
April 11, 1877— " " Kalamazoo	10 60
Total	$21 60

EXPENDED.

For printing, postage and stationery	$4 90
Balance due former Treasurer	2 75
Paid Rev. J. F. Conover, by direction of the Bishop	5 00
" " G. P. Schetky, " " " "	50
" " R. H. Paine, " " " "	75
" " H. B. Whittemore " " " "	1 75
Cash in hand	5 95
	$21 60

Respectfully submitted, D. FISHER, Treasurer.

The report was accepted and referred.

The Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan submitted its Annual Report.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION, D. W. M.

The Committee appointed by the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan to prepare and submit to this Convention a report of the doings of said Association for the past year, would respectfully present as such report, the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, which was accepted and adopted by said Board.

L. C. CHAPIN,
A. PLATT, } Committee.
W. SCOTT,

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

At the date of last report this fund amounted to		$29,914 75
During the year the increase has been		
From Real Estate	$800 00	
" Individual Notes	110 00	
" Cash	18 00	
		928 00
Making the Total Amount of this Fund at this date		$30,842 75

There has been paid during the year, in reduction of individual notes, $648.33, and one note of $100 has been taken up and exchanged for a bond of the Baptist Church and Society of Grand Rapids, bearing 10 per cent. interest annually, and secured by trust mortgage on the property of the Society.

Two loans, secured by bond and mortgage, have been made—one for $500 and the other for $250.

The changes in the character of the securities of this fund during the year, and their present condition, will be readily seen by the following table, viz:

	May 26, 1877.	May 27, 1876.	Increase.	Decrease.
Individual notes	$20,625 85	$21,264 18		$638 33
Loans on real estate	7,400 00	6,650 00	$750 00	
Real estate	2,200 00	1,400 00	800 00	
Unsecured pledges	90 00	90 00		
Stocks and bonds	100 00		100 00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	426 90	510 57		83 67
Total	$30,842 75	$29,914 75	$928 00	

The additions of real estate were two tracts of land, of forty acres each, situated in Montcalm and Osceola Counties, each valued at $400. The unproductive real estate now belonging to this fund amounts to $2,200, and consists of four lots in Kalamazoo, one in Ludington, and the two parcels of land named above. The taxes paid on the same for the years 1875 and 1876 amounted to $46.93.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

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W. H. SPARLING.
F. A. GORHAM.

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June	17,	By payment to G. D. Gillespie	$400
July	3,	" paid accrued interest on bonds	7
"	5,	" " for recording deed in Osceola County	1
"	5,	" " " " " Montcalm County	1
"	17,	" drafts returned unpaid from Allegan	21
Aug.	1,	" payment to G. D. Gillespie	525
"	23,	" paid for printing notices	2
Sep.	9,	" taxes on lot at Ludington—1876	1
"	14,	" " land in Osceola County—1875	8
"	23,	" " " Montcalm " "	8
Nov.	2,	" payment to Geo. D. Gillespie	100
"	9,	" recording mortgage in Barry County	1
"	9,	" " " " Kent "	1
"	15,	" payment to Geo. D Gillespie	250
1877.			
Jan.	10,	By payment to Geo. D. Gillespie	350
"	30,	" " " " "	350
"	30,	" taxes, Osceola County—1876	7
Feb.	2,	" " Montcalm " "	14
April	5,	" " on lots at Kalamazoo—1876	6
"	7,	" payment to Geo. D. Gillespie	200
		Cash on hand to balance	98
			$2,35-

May 26, 1877. F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer.

F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer,

In Account with Episcopal Fund.

1876.			
May	28,	—To balance, as per last report	$51(
June	7,	" payment on individual notes	3(
July	3,	" " " " "	5(
"	11,	" " " " "	10(
"	20,	" " " " "	3(
Aug	26,	" " " " "	10(
Sep.	12,	" " " " "	2(
"	15,	" Cash for Episcopal Fund	1(
Nov.	2,	" payment on individual notes	5(
"	21,	" " " " "	(
1877.			
Jan'y	6,	To payment on individual notes	5(
"	18,	" " " " "	20(
M'ch	31,	" " " " "	1(
			$1,17(

1876		CREDITS.	
Oct.	24,	By amount loaned on real estate security	$25(
"	25,	" " " " " "	50(
		Cash on hand to balance	42(
			$1,17(

May 26, 1876. F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer.

F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer,

In Account with "Special Funds."

1876.		
Aug.	2,	To cash donation from Chas. G. Hill, London, Eng., for Church building at Sturgis, Mich	$ 2
1877.		
Jan.	10.	To cash received from D. B. Lyon, Ripon, Wis., for benefit of Church at Lyons, Mich	12
			$14
		Balance, Cash on hand	$14

May 26, 1877. F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer.

F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer,

In Account with Permanent Missionary Fund.

1876.			
July 25,	To interest on mortgage		$ 6 25
Nov. 4,	" " " "	$25 00	
	less exchange	25	
			24 75
	Balance due Treasurer		1 00
			$32 00

1876.	CREDITS.	
July 25,	By Cash paid to Treasurer Board of Missions	$ 6 25
Sep. 9,	" " " for recording assignment	1 00
Nov. 4,	" " " to Treasurer Board of Missions	24 75
		$32 00

May 26, 1877. F. A. GORHAM, Treasurer.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees was accepted and referred.

On motion of the Rev. William Stowe,

Resolved, That the proposed amendments of the General Constitution of the Church, as printed in Journal of 1875, be referred to a special committee of three.

On motion of the Rev. William Stowe,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to Wardens and Vestries, be referred to a Special Committee of two Clergymen and three Laymen.

On motion of Rev. J. F. Conover,

Resolved, That the closing of the Order of Miscellaneous Business shall be the nomination of persons to be elected to the various offices as provided in the Order of Business for the Second Day of the Convention. The name of each person as nominated shall be recorded by the Secretary under the title of the office to which he has been nominated. When all the nominations have been made the list shall be printed, distributed among the members of the Convention, and may be used as ballots in the election, the intention being that the names not voted for, be erased.

On motion of the Rev. R. H. Paine,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the subject of Life Insurance for the Clergy, be referred to a Committee of three Laymen and two Clergymen to report to the next Convention on the best plan of Life Insurance for the Clergy.

The Chair announced as the Special Committee on the proposed amendments to the General Constitution of the Church, the Rev. William Stowe, the Rev. George D. E. Mortimer, and Mr. Alonzo Platt.

On the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Wardens and Vestries, the Rev. J. F. Conover, the Rev. H. B. Whittemore, Messrs. W. B. Williams, N. P. Loveridge and C. F. Bock.

On the portion of the same relating to Clerical Life Insurance, the Rev. Robert McMurdy, D.D., the Rev. R. H. Paine, Mr. D. J. Arnold, Mr. W. J. Stuart, Mr. E. W. DeYoe.

The Committee on the Condition of Church Property in the Swedish Colony of Tustin made their report.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

Your Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention (see page 48 of Journal), to "act as their judgment may dictate," with reference to the Swedish Colony of Tustin in Osceola County, "and if necessary, to make any and all acquittances, so far as this Convention is concerned, to said property, or otherwise, and report their action at the next Convention," respectfully

REPORT:

That the Committee by a majority of its members met, and upon due consideration of the facts which will be found substantially set forth by a Report found on pages 46, 47 and 48 of Journal of 1876, and such other matters as were presented to them, came to the conclusion, that, as Churchmen in Grand Rapids, Ionia, and other points had contributed $800 towards the erection of the Church edifice, and it being deemed wholly impracticable to continue Church services there longer, or maintain an Episcopal minister, by reason of the fewness of the Episcopal families, the enterprise had better be abandoned.

But your Committee are of the opinion that the sum of $800 put into the church edifice as aforesaid, or such sum as should be deemed fair and equitable, be paid, or properly secured by any religious body which may desire to take the property, and when paid, to be credited to the Missionary Fund of the Diocese, or otherwise, as the Convention may direct.

Your Committee are of opinion that something may be realized from said investment, and to that end that the Bishop be requested to make the best possible arrangement in the matter, and in behalf of the Diocese, relinquish any and all claims it may have to such property.

We are also informed that a few small, but none the less important unpaid bills are outstanding, which, should anything be realized from the sale of the edifice, should be paid, though the Diocese is not holden for such.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
P. R. L. PIERCE,
F. A. GORHAM,
JOS. S. LARGE.

NILES, MICH., May 30, 1877.

GRAND RAPIDS, May 21, 1877.

I learn on inquiry at the Land Department of the Grand Rapids & Indiana R. R. that no change has been made in the terms of this property.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

The report was accepted.

On motion of the Rev. Sidney Beckwith,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the appointment of a Treasurer in the Diocese to receive and transmit funds for outside objects, be referred to the Committee on the Report of the Board of Missions.

On motion of Mr. L. C. Chapin, the report of the Committee on Canons was made the Special Order for to-morrow morning when the order of "Reports of the Standing Committees" shall be reached.

Nominations were made, and the Convention adjourned until the evening session.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 o'clock P. M.

Prayers were said by the Bishop.

The Report of the Board of Missions was read by the Rev. H. J. Cook, Secretary of the Board.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Right Reverend Father and Brethren:

Bearing as we all do the name of Christ, this Council is something more than a mere legislative body, meeting from year to year to transact a certain routine of business, according to an established formula. The vows of God are upon us. We are brethren, Christians, and therefore missionaries. This body is the "Board of Missions," and the eleven who

bear that title are but the representatives of the whole; and they come each year to tell the story of twelve months' work, to exhort and encourage and to receive encouragement in turn. This point is important. We are none of us made of iron, and it is not well to act as if that were the case. And yet this delegating not only active measures, but all interest and anxiety for a given cause to the few officers who have it in charge is the most effective way of promoting coldness and insensibility. Therefore, the Board of Missions in this Diocese recognizes the fact that it is only a representative body, and that, while it undertakes the direct administration of the missionary interests, the real Missionary Board is this Council. If zeal and love are active and warm *here*, the work will thrive and increase by the Grace of God. If this body only legislates and formally discusses, the work is sure to limp and to halt throughout the Diocese. Therefore, the Missionary report will not be strictly confined to the mere arithmetic of the work, as important as that is, but will be used to stir up the wills of God's faithful people, that they may be fruitful in good works. We are glad to have exact figures in connection with the first Whitsunday of the Church; but something more important preceded in the Holy Spirit's work and in human effort. While, then, we ought to make proper use of statistics, we may well be suspicious of that sort of missionary work which consists largely in counting numbers.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

II. Seven meetings previous to the sitting of the present, and since the last Convention are recorded on the Secretary's book, as will follow. The attendance has been all that could be reasonably asked on the part of most of the eleven members, considering unavoidable hindrances, and that one or two of the meetings have been unimportant and held in connection with other gatherings; and also that during the latter part of the year one clerical and one lay member have been out of the Diocese, while ill health has detained a third most valued member.

Meeting.	Place.	Date.	Bishop.	Clergy.	Laymen.	Total.
1st.	Trinity, Marshall.	June 1, 1876.	1	5	4	10
2d.	St. Mark's, Grand Rapids.	" 29, "	1	5	2	8
3d.	" " " "	July 14, "	1	3	2	6
4th.	All Saints', Saugatuck.	Sept. 20, "	1	1	1	3
5th.	Emmanuel, Hastings.	Nov. 15, "	1	3	4	8
6th.	St. Luke's, Kalamazoo.	Feb. 8, 1877.	1	3	1	5
7th.	" " "	April 11, "	1	4	1	6

APPROPRIATIONS.

III. The details of appropriations need not be stated here, as they will appear in the Treasurer's report. It may be added, however, that the apportionment to the different fields has been in exact accord with the comparative needs of those fields as it appeared to the Board, and up to the means at their command. And it has been a source of gratification that while several of the religious bodies around us have complained in their reports of a falling off in contributions, amounting in one instance to eighteen per cent., your Committee have been able both to hold ground already occupied and to take possession of some new and promising fields. It is also gratifying and encouraging to note, from a collection of such reports, that the church is in the fore-front of missionary work relatively to her means and numbers. From one of the above mentioned reports we gather the facts that there was, in the last year, a falling off in contributions of $2,440, and that the local work received from the General Board $2,501 more than was raised on the ground; further, that 64

out of 154 congregations failed to make any offering whatever for Home Missions. On the other hand, another Missionary Society reports a gain of $2,649 in the State.

Something like $2,500 was placed at the disposal of the Board of Missions in this Diocese, and the manner of its expenditure will appear elsewhere.

MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES.

IV. It seems desirable to mention in detail each point where missionary aid has been granted, and where services have been held with more or less regularity during the past year, together with the name of the officiating Missionary. A circular was sent out near the middle of April, by the Secretary of the Board, asking for facts of interest in regard to each field to be incorporated in this report, under three heads: (I.) *History*; (II.) *Present Aspect of the Work*; (III.) *Needs of the Field*. It is to be regretted, however, that only three missionaries made any response; and hence, in several cases, the name and place only appear.

Albion and parts adjacent.—The Rev. G. E. Peters has taken up some new work at points from eight to twelve miles from his Parish, "among the farming communities." Church services new to them, but "they are beginning to talk about paying the Elder for preaching to them."

"Wherever I go, an appointment is usually made by another religious body, 'Next Sabbath for Preaching.'" Tracts and Prayer Books needed.

Burr Oak.—Rev. Henry Safford reports the work progressing. Hopes are expressed of removing Church to a more desirable lot.

Sturgis.—He also has charge of St. John's Mission at Sturgis, where an effort is being made to build a Chapel.

Coopersville.—Rev. M. Morris, Missionary. Services in a hall. Organized Mission. Funds in hand for purchasing a lot.

Newaygo.—St. Mark's Mission, organized about a year ago under same Missionary. Good congregations and friendly feeling towards the Church. Missionary promptly paid.

Rev. Mr. Morris also holds services occasionally at the Newaygo County Poor House.

Elk Rapids.—Rev. A. C. Lewis, Missionary.

Grand Haven.—Rev. William Stowe, Missionary.

Greenville and Ionia.—Rev. William Brittain, Missionary.

Holland and Saugatuck.—Rev. J. Rice Taylor, Missionary. Fields requiring hard work, but showing some progress. In the latter place a debt of some $500 has been extinguished since the last Convention.

Ludington and Pentwater.—Rev. J. B. Prichard, Missionary. A great number of services and visits at these points have been reported.

Mendon.—Rev. A. E. Bishop, late of the Diocese of Indiana, is acting as Missionary.

Paw Paw.—Rev. D. Barker, Rector. A new Chapel and good congregation mark the result of patient labor.

Saranac.—Rev. L. L. Rogers, Missionary.

St. Joseph.—Rev. V. Spalding, the late Rector, has removed to Three Rivers. Parish vacant.

Whitehall. Rev. R. Wood, Rector. First service, 1871. Church erected following year; consecrated Feb. 19, 1872. First Rector remained fifteen months. Two vacant years followed, during which time the Church lost ground which she has not yet recovered, though there is progress in the right direction.

Charlotte and Eaton Rapids.—Rev. John L. Taylor, Missionary.

Quincy.—Rev. H. J. Cook, Missionary. Services are held on alternate Sundays. Steps are being taken looking to a regular organization. Services are held in the Baptist House, and are fairly attended.

Traverse City.—Rev. W. H. Sparling, Missionary. New Chapel erected during the past year, chiefly through the efforts of his predecessor, Rev. A. C. Lewis.

Hersey, Evart and Farwell.—Rev. W. Matthias, Missionary.—This is all new work, and yet good results are apparent in each field.

It thus appears that 17 Missionaries are laboring in 25 fields, not counting the voluntary and unpaid work of many Rectors. The real success of the work cannot be exactly set down in figures, but will become apparent from time to time if we persevere. And the ground is far from being covered. When there is not an average of one church in a county, much remains to be done. And this brings up a subject already often discussed.

A GENERAL MISSIONARY.

V. One of the religious bodies has such a Missionary, supported at an expense of $1,400 per annum. Last year he collected over half this sum besides holding numerous services in all parts of the State, preaching and distributing Bibles, Testaments and Tracts. There is hardly a school house in our Diocese where a congregation of from 40 to 100 persons cannot be gathered almost any day. Sooner or later we must learn that it is necessary to carry the Gospel to the people who live outside our cities and villages. When these communities do hear the word, they receive it gladly in almost every instance. How shall we solve this problem and reach the families who voluntarily, or from necessity, isolate themselves from church privileges?

PLANS FOR INEXPENSIVE CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.

VI. Since the purchase of certain books upon Church Architecture, there have been frequent applications for them. In one way these books have been very useful. They have furnished ideas and suggestions, and stimulated interest in the important subject of Church Architecture. But they all fail in two important particulars: 1 They do not give detailed particulars, and 2. The buildings represented generally involve the expenditure of large sums of money. Now, while one costly church is built, a dozen cheap ones are demanded, and such buildings in judiciously selected places are of the greatest assistance in carrying forward missionary work. The great need, then, is of plans with details and specifications of neat, inexpensive and churchly edifices which can be constructed at an outlay of from $1,000 to $1,000. The Secretary of the Board has recently conferred with Mr. W. W. Boyington, one of the leading Chicago architects, in regard to this subject. The result of the conference was that Mr. Boyington will furnish, if desired, six plans and specifications, ready for the builders and subject to approval, such as usually cost $50 and upwards. These will cost an average of $30 each, and are made for buildings valued as above respectively, $1,000, $1,200, $1,500, $2,000, $3,000 and $4,000.

It is hereby recommended that a committee be appointed to investigate the subject, with power to negotiate and purchase six such plans and specifications as the property, and for the use of the Diocese, the same to be paid for by the Treasurer. Should this recommendation be acted upon, by duplication and modification, if desirable, provision could be made for the erection of at least from fifteen to twenty tasteful and commodious churches and chapels, as needed, and as money may be raised for the same. It is hoped that this subject may receive the attention which it richly deserves.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

VII. Both the Semi-Annual Missionary Meetings of the year were well attended and answered their purpose most fully. Zeal was rekindled and courage revived under the influences of the services, and many a wise word was dropped which will bear fruit in our Parishes and Missions hereafter.

THE FUTURE.

VIII. The future of this our field is to be provided for. White and whitening harvests greet the eye in every direction. But the agencies of evil are active, and it will not do for us to be idle or to rest satisfied with what has been done. Nor can we afford to say too much about "the times," unless indeed we imitate the example of an Eastern churchman who *doubled his subscription* because the times were "hard," as he feared that others might fail in their offerings for missions. It is a matter for personal and conscientious consideration. This Convention is made up of individuals. To-night we shall say what we think we can do to carry on the work. The several congregations here represented are made up of individuals, and it is for us who are here to give this cause our sympathies and to carry our enthusiasm to our respective homes. Thus will the whole Diocesan Church reap the two-fold benefit of offerings in money and prayers. "*Thy prayers and thine alms*,"—both are required of us. Both are to be given cheerfully, heartily, and in Christ's name, and so shall we receive a Pentecostal blessing. May the Lord prosper His own work in the Diocese of Western Michigan.

COLDWATER, May 24, 1877. HERBERT J. COOK, Secretary.

The report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of the Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer,

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of two Clergymen and one Layman be appointed to consider and to act upon the recommendation of the Report of the Diocesan Board of Missions in reference to Church Architecture.

On motion of the Rev. R. H. Paine, leave of absence was granted to Messrs. John McKee and E. W. DeYoe.

On motion of Mr. C. F. Bock, the hour of adjournment was fixed for 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Pledges were made as follows to the Board of Missions:

Albion, St James'.....	$ 15 00
Allegan, Good Shepherd [S S-6]	36 00
Battle Creek, St. Thomas'..... [S S-5]	55 00
Big Rapids, St. Andrew's.....	20 00
Burr Oak, Grace.....	10 00
Coldwater, St. Mark's.....	75 00
Elk Rapids, St Paul's.....	42 00
Grand Haven, St. John's.....	5 00
Grand Rapids, Good Shepherd [S S-10].....	30 00
Grand Rapids, Grace [S S-10 and personal, $20].....	55 00
Grand Rapids, St. Mark's.....	575 00
" " St. Paul's [S S 10].....	35 00
Hastings, Emmanuel [S S-3]..	63 00
Holland, Grace.....	10 00
Kalamazoo, St. John's [S S-10]	50 00
Kalamazoo, St. Luke's.....	350 00
Ludington, Grace.....	10 00
Marshall, Trinity.....	125 00
Muskegon, St. Paul's.....	40 00
Niles, Trinity.....	125 00
Saranac, Trinity.....	10 00
Saugatuck, All Saints' [S S-6].	16 00
Whitehall, Redeemer.....	12 00
Traverse City, Grace S S.....	30 00
Manistee, St. Paul's	10 00
Coopersville, Epiphany Mission	8 00
Newaygo, St. Mark's "	15 00
Pentwater, St. James' "	5 00
Eaton Rapids, St. Matthias' Mission.....	5 00
Quincy	10 00
Total.....	$1,547 00

SPECIAL FOR A GENERAL MISSIONARY:

Rev. W. H. Sparling	$ 5 00	Grace, Holland, S S	5 00
Mrs. " "	5 00	Trinity, Marshall, S S	15 00
Rev. R. H. Paine	10 00	A " Communicant	25 00
Dr. L. C. Chapin	10 00	"Our Dioceses," if one be employed this year	25 00
Mrs. R. Wood	5 00		
Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer	10 00	Total	$130 00
Grand Traverse	5 00		
A lady of Trinity, Niles	10 00		

The Chair announced as the Committee on Church Architecture, the Rev. J. R. Taylor, the Rev. R. Wood and Mr. F. M. Fox.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

8 o'clock A. M.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Morning prayer was commenced by the Rev. A. Reeves, of the Diocese of Illinois, the Lessons (Malachi IV., and St. Mark XVI., v 14) being read by the Rev. R. H. Paine, and closed by the Rev. J. B. Prichard.

The Rolls of the Convention were called.

The minutes of yesterday were read and amended.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. McMurdy,

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the proposed changes of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church be made the special order for this morning session at 11 o'clock.

Leave was asked and granted for the Committee on the Association D. W. M. to retire for consultation.

The Special Order being reached, the Committee on Constitution and Canons submitted their

REPORT.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons would respectfully report:

Owing to an error which was overlooked, the proviso of Art. VI. of the Constitution, beginning in the latter part of line 14 and ending with the words "such convention" in the beginning of line 19, was transferred from Sec. 1 to Sec. 4 of the Article. The Committee recommend that this proviso be restored to its former place in Sec. 1. In Sec. 4, as printed on Page 37 of the Journal of 1876, the first part of the section as printed in the Constitution and Canons as provisionally adopted in 1874, is

omitted, beginning with the words "when two or more churches," and ending in the fourth line below (being line 43, page 4) with the words "one vote and no more." The Committee recommend that these two sentences be restored, and that then the Constitution be finally adopted.

The effect of the motion of Dr. L. C. Chapin, found on page 51 of the Journal of the last Convention, was to adopt finally the following Canons:

Canon XII. (new Canon), "Of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan."

Canon XIII. (old number 12), "Of the Episcopal Fund."
Canon XIV. (old number 13), "Of Aged and Infirm Clergy."
Canon XV. (old number 14), "Of Lay-Readers."
Canon XIX. (old number 17), "Missions of the Diocese."
Canon XX. (old number 18), "Of the Organization of Missions."

All the other Canons are adopted provisionally only.

The Committee recommend that the following be substituted for Section 2 of Canon 3, entitled "Of the admission of a Church into Union with the Convention in this Diocese:"

"Whenever, hereafter, any Parish in Union with this Convention, from a failure to sustain the services of the Church or any other cause, shall, in the judgment of the Bishop of the Diocese, be virtually extinct, he shall report that fact to the Convention, with such recommendation for its final action as he may deem best."

The Committee recommend that Canon numbered 17, entitled "Of Convocations of the Clergy and Laity," be amended in Sec. 1, so as to read as follows:

"The Diocese shall be divided into two or more Convocations by the Bishop, and the Clergy within these Convocations shall meet on such day and at such places as the Convocation may from time to time appoint."

And, finally, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That all the Canons heretofore provisionally adopted, with the exception of the Canon for the trial of a Clergyman, be now permanently adopted, and that the Secretary in republishing the Canons be and is hereby instructed to number them in regular order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. CONOVER,
WM. STOWE,
J. W. BANCROFT.
W. SCOTT,
L. C. CHAPIN,
N. P. LOVERIDGE,
P. R. L. PEIRCE.

The report was accepted.

The proposed amendments of Art. VI. by the restoration of a certain proviso and two sentences, casually omitted in printing, to their original places, were adopted, and on motion, the entire Constitution was then finally and unanimously adopted.

The amendments of Canons 3 and 17, and also the resolution proposed by the Committee on Canons, were then severally adopted unanimously, and on motion, the Committee was discharged.

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, would respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of Mr. T. P. Sheldon, Treasurer, and find the same correct.

DAVID FISHER,
F. A. GORHAM,
M. W. RIKER.

The report was accepted.

The Standing Committee on the Reports and Accounts of the Board of Missions, to which was specially referred the expediency of the appointment of a Treasurer to receive and transmit funds for outside objects, reported,

The Committee having under consideration the propriety of a Treasurer for the transmission of funds to objects without the Diocese, would earnestly recommend the appointment of such a Treasurer, and that the Treasurer of the Convention be charged with the duty as suggested by the Bishop.

G. E. PETERS,
A. E. BISHOP,
W. J. STUART.

The report was accepted and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report and Accounts of the Board of Missions, would respectfully report that they have examined the same with the vouchers, and find them correct.

G. E. PETERS,
A. E. BISHOP,
JOHN McKEE,
W. J. STUART,
FRANK BITELEY.

The report was acccepted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business report, that after examination of the records of the last convention, they find on page 5 of the Journal of 1876, a list of committees directed to report to this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. KNOWLTON,
W. J. STUART.

The report was accepted.

The Report of the Committee on Christian Education was read by the Rev. R. Wood, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Christian Education beg leave to report: That as there are no Church Schools or Colleges within the Diocese, and no plan for their immediate establishment seeming feasible, their work has been of necessity of a very limited character. The subject of Christian Education needs but the bare mention to bring up thoughts which must press upon this Convention with intense force. In the highest sense, education in its completeness can only be found within the Church. God has committed to her charge the great work of renovating and elevating a fallen world; and however valuable mere secular aid may be, in the cultivation of the intellect and the development of the animal part of man's being, yet leaving the eternal interests out of the question, a Godless education if continued, would of necessity soon lead to a retrograde condition, destructive of man's welfare even with respect to time and this lower world. The Church, as the School of Christ, wherever she fulfills all her functions, must afford everything necessary to the complete nurture of her children. Christian education in its highest sense must mean Catholic education. Therefore, your Committee assert that only by a body, which retains Apostolic orders in and through her free and untramelled Episcopate, the Catholic faith in her ancient creeds, and primitive practice in her pure and scriptural liturgy, can man be educated—taking the word in its entire breadth of meaning Divine authority acting by and yet under divine law is the alone agent of harmonious order and universal freedom. But though the Diocese has neither Church Schools nor Colleges within her borders, she is not debarred from exerting her educational power in carrying on her divine work. Wherever her services are held in accordance with their spirit and purpose, their educational work upon her own children is of infinite value. And even those bodies without her pale owe more to the conservative influence of the prayer book services than they would be likely to allow or Churchmen be likely to claim. The preservation, extension and multiplication of the services of the Church is therefore to be regarded as the most important element in Christian education. The subject of Church literature as a means of Christian education will no doubt be presented by its proper committee in its positive aspect of direct instruction and its hardly less important one of taking the place of the printed poison so widely disseminated. Faithful instruction in the Sunday School, the Bible Class and the Catechetical lecture must be used as the complement lacking in the instruction given at our public schools. And where the parents are unwilling to depend upon the public schools, then the true Churchman can find ample means afforded by other Dioceses to meet the wants as yet unsupplied by our own. It seems almost incredible that in

this age of the Church's history, churchmen could be found sending Christ's little ones, in their tender years, to educational institutions, not merely surrounded and permeated by influences almost certain to either pervert or utterly destroy their faith, but upon which every thoughtful eye can read in clearest type, Proselyting Machine, plainly written.

The Church has her own institutions, where, in the language of a student of undoubted veracity, "The highest tone of morals exists. Where on the grounds the ear is never shocked by hearing the oath or low, obscene talk. Where gentlemanly conduct prevails everywhere. Where the daily prayers ascend like hallowed incense, and where frequent communions preserve and increase spiritual life." Our Right Reverend Fathers in God most truly term the Church "The truest and best educator of the people," and in warning voice refer us "to the circumstances of the times," to "the needs of the day," to "the growing infidelity," and to the entreating cries which come from all sides, for an education which shall neglect no need of human nature, and least of all, the immortal soul."

Your Committee therefore commend most earnestly this subject to the prayers and aid of the Diocese.

ROBT. WOOD,
R. H. PAINE,
F. A. GORHAM,
C. J. STERLING.

The report was accepted.

The Committee on Church Literature submitted its report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

A glance through the Journals of the Convention of Michigan admonishes your Committee that its action should be tempered with a careful conservatism. in 1870, the Committee on Christian Literature reported as follows: "The Committee find nothing before them requiring attention, and would recommend the discontinuance of such Committee."

Your Committee feel, in the face of the above-recorded action of the Diocese of Michigan, while this Diocese was yet a part of it, that, however well-taught the Church in our Diocese may be upon the importance and value of the press in Church work, she yet needs to be *educated* to her privileges and duties in this direction.

It is the belief of the Committee that a depot of Christian literature should exist within the Diocese, from which should flow a regular stream of sacred literature into the families of the Church. But it is felt that, even were the establishment and operation of such an institution to be attended with no difficulty, its practical usefulness must be limited by the disposition of the people to use it. Hence it is believed that the first duty of the Church must of necessity be largely of an educational character—to educate the Church people themselves to the value and importance of sacred literature in the house of the Church. This can best be done by the Rectors of Parishes, as a recognized part of their pastoral work. It is therefore recommended that Pastors in the Diocese present the subject to their people from time to time during the coming year, with a view to the gradual preparation of their hearts and minds for what it is hoped may be a regular supply of Church literature through some agency of the Diocese.

While the Committee are not convinced that *the Diocese* is at present prepared to institute measures of a practical character, yet it is believed

that many, if not all of our Parishes, can do so to a greater or less extent. The Parish library should be an institution of every Parish. If the word "library" is suggestive of pecuniary impossibilities to small Parishes, the Convention are reminded that a single book like "Church Doctrine, Bible Truth," or "Thoughts on Personal Religion," or any one of hundreds of others, kept circulating from house to house, would certainly be productive of results to which the majority of our Parishes are now entire strangers. A library is defined to be "a collection of books," and the smallest conceivable collection pushed into circulation by the Rector, and kept circulating, would soon rival, as a teaching agency, the lecture and sermon combined.

At any rate, the very least that Rectors may do, is the judicious circulation of leaflets or tracts. While the tract is the most inexpensive literary form in which the knowledge of the truth may be disseminated, it is oftentimes the most effective. While it is not desirable that the Parish Priest should become a professional, persistent, tireless and tiresome Colporteur, it is believed that he should always be prepared to put into the hands of inquiring persons, at proper times and upon proper occasions, short treatises on Church doctrine and Bible truth.

Private reading circles are very efficient agencies in cultivating the taste for history, belles-lettres, &c., and it is believed that in some Parishes they could be instituted with equal efficiency, in the interest of Church literature.

Parochial Reading Rooms have been opened in other Dioceses with gratifying results, and it is believed that the same results could be achieved in some of our Parishes.

The Committee would remind the clergy that the columns of the secular press have been used with happy results in some instances, and would recommend that Rectors make the effort to extend this practice as widely as possible. A column or two of sacred literature in the common public print would not only serve its purpose of spreading among the people a knowledge of the Church, but the association could not but prove beneficial to the interests of secular journalism itself.

But, however disposed the Clergy may feel towards the secular press, the Committee feel that at least one Church paper should be taken and read in each family of the Church. Rectors and Missionaries should see that this is accomplished before the beginning of another conventional year. It can be done by simply appealing individually to the heads of families. The general appeals and recommendations made from the chancel are insufficient. While the Committee are disinclined to make any distinction among the few excellent Church papers we have, it is felt that, for obvious reasons, "Our Dioceses" may properly be specified as *the first* paper that should recommend itself to Michigan churchmen.

In making the foregoing recommendations, the Committee are convinced that they contain an outline of the very least of the duties which the Clergy should impose upon themselves, by way of preparation for the real work which it is hoped the Church will in the near future undertake. The constant thought of the Committee has been, the Christian library in the Christian family. Yet the recommendations are not of a radical character, because the Library is the outcome of taste and culture, as well as a means thereto. But we feel that, *because* the education of the Christian literary taste is a slow process, all the greater necessity there is that the process begin and cease not until the end be attained.

If the Convention join the Committee in the hope herein expressed, and approve the means suggested towards the fulfillment of the hope, it is recommended that a Standing Committee on Church Literature be appointed in the usual manner.

Before closing this report, the Committee will state, in part, what has been accomplished during the year. What has been done in the Parochial agencies will appear in the Parish reports. In addition to this, the Bishop has distributed books, Prayer Books, Bibles in English and other tongues, Church Almanacs for 1877, Mission Services, Sunday School books, Tracts, Church papers and Sunday School periodicals. These have been paid for from the balance of money received from the Diocese of Ohio, and a donation from a Layman, amounting in all to about $112.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
SIDNEY H. WOODFORD,
H. J. COOK,
CHARLES J. STERLING.

The report was accepted.

The Committee on the admission of Churches into union with the Convention, report that they have examined the papers on the organization of Grace Church, Traverse City, and finding the same to be in accordance with the Canon, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Parish of Grace Church, Traverse City, be and is hereby admitted into union with this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. SCOTT,
J. B. PRICHARD,
C. B. MOSHER.

The report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Credentials of Lay Delegates from the newly admitted Parish were offered, but no Delegates answered to the call of their names.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

Your Committee respectfully report that they have examined the report of the Board of Trustees and find it correct. Your Committee recommend the Convention to authorize the Board of Trustees to provide hereafter for the payment, quarterly, of the salary of the Bishop. And they cannot close this report without expressing their high appreciation of the generous offer of the Bishop to relinquish $500 of the amount due him on salary for the year 1876, rather than burden the Parishes with special assessments to provide for the deficiency, at the same time expressing a desire that no such contingency may be permitted to arise in the future.

J. S. LARGE,
J. R. TAYLOR,
J. P. HOWLETT,
D. G. ROBINSON,
D. J. ARNOLD.

The report was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS.

The undersigned Lay members of the Standing Committee, acting as a Board of Auditors, by appointment of the last Convention, (page 39, Journal 1876,) beg leave to report that they have examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, belonging to the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and those in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and find them correct as per written statements of the two Secretaries which have been laid before this Convention.

L C. CHAPIN,
A. PLATT,
N. P. LOVERIDGE,
Board of Auditors.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The floor was occupied for a few moments by the Rev. H. B. Whittemore in behalf of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry.

The Special Order for the hour was taken up, being the Report of the Special Committee on the proposed changes in the General Constitution of the Church.

REPORT.

The Committee to whom the proposed changes in the General Constitution were submitted, propose the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention approves of the amendment proposed to Article 5th of the General Constitution, to wit:

"The General Convention may, upon the application of the Bishop and Convention of an organized Diocese, setting forth that the territory of the Diocese is too large for due Episcopal supervision by the Bishop of such Diocese, set off a portion of such Diocesan territory, which shall thereupon be placed within, or constitute, a Missionary Jurisdiction, as the House of Bishops may determine."

2. *Resolved*, That this Convention approves of the Amendment proposed to Article 8th of the General Constitution, to wit: the addition of the following proviso:

"PROVIDED, however, That the General Convention shall have power, from time to time, to amend the Lectionary; but no act for this purpose shall be valid which is not voted for by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to seats in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies."

3. *Resolved*, That this Convention declines to approve of the Amendment proposed to Article 8th by the addition of this proviso, to wit:

"That the General Convention may by Canon arrange and set forth a shortened form of Morning and Evening Prayer, to be compiled wholly from the Book of Common Prayer."

Respectfully submitted,

WM. STOWE,
GEO. D. E. MORTIMER,
A. PLATT.

The first of the above Resolutions was adopted. Pending the adoption of the second Resolution, the Rev. R. McMurdy, D. D., LL. D., offered, as a substitute, a Preamble, which the mover subsequently had leave to withdraw, and a Resolution, as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the change proposed to be made in Article 8th of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, giving power to the General Convention, from time to time to alter the Lectionary, is inexpedient.

The substitute was lost, and the Resolution of the Committee was adopted. The 3d Resolution also was adopted.

Mr. W. B. Williams asked and obtained for himself and Mr. D. J. Arnold, leave of absence from the Convention the rest of its sessions.

Elections being in order, on motion, the Secretary of the Convention was directed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mr. T. P. Sheldon as Treasurer of the Convention and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and Widows and Orphans of Clergymen.

The ballot was cast as directed, and Mr. T. P. Sheldon declared elected Treasurer.

The Chair appointed Rev. W. Scott and W. J. Stuart as Tellers for the election of Registrar.

The Tellers having retired, the Committee on Church Architecture presented their

REPORT.

The Committee on Church Architecture beg leave respectfully to report that they have had in consideration so much of the Report of the Secretary of the Diocesan Board of Missions as refers to the purchase of plans for Churches and Chapels; and which recommended the expenditure on part of the Board of the sum of $100 for the purchase of four plans and specifications of Churches or Chapels, to cost respectively $1,000, $1,200, $1,500 and $2,000. The opinion of the Committee is that Parishes or Missions which may desire more expensive places of worship ought to be able to purchase their own architectural plans.

J. R. TAYLOR,
Chairman of Committee.

TELLERS' REPORT.

The number of ballots cast for Registrar is 34. The Rev. Sidney Beckwith has received 33 votes and is elected.

W. SCOTT,
W. J. STUART.

The Chair appointed as Tellers of the Election of Standing Committee, the Rev. W. H. Sparling and Mr. J. W. Wood.

The Tellers having withdrawn, debate on the Report of the Committee on Church Architecture was continued, and, on motion the said Report was finally adopted.

On motion of the Rev. H. B. Whittemore,

Resolved, That St. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, be the place of meeting of the next Convention.

TELLERS' REPORT.

Number of ballots cast for Standing Committee, 42. Necessary to a choice, 22. Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer has 30 votes, Rev. J. F. Conover 39, Rev. W. Stowe 28, Mr. A. Platt 26, Mr. L. C. Chapin 38, and Mr. D. J. Arnold 28; and they are elected.

W. H. SPARLING,
J. W. WOOD.

A new ballot was ordered for one Clergyman to complete the numbers of the Standing Committee.

On motion of the Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer,

Resolved, That the grateful acknowledgements of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Rector and Congregation of Trinity Church, Niles, for the generous hospitalities extended to the members of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. J. F. Conover,

Resolved, That the Committee on the portion of the Episcopal Address relating to Wardens and Vestries, be continued to report to the next Convention.

On motion the Convention adjourned.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 P. M.

The Convention resumed its business.

The Tellers of the election of Standing Committee reported the election of the Rev. H. B. Whittemore.

On motion of Mr. T. P. Sheldon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be authorized to add to his assessment for 1877 the sum of $99, for the payment of three dollars for each Clergyman in the Diocese, towards the contingent expenses of the General Convention, as required by Title III., Canon I., § 5.

On motion of the Rev. H. J. Cook,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are due and are hereby tendered to the several representatives of the Press for their courtesy and attendance during the present Session.

On motion of the Rev. J. F. Conover,

Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint two Semi-Annual Missionary Meetings, at such time and place and under such arrangements as he may deem best; and that the Parishes be recommended to make provision for the expenses of their Clergymen attending these meetings.

A verbal report of the Committee on the Increase of the Episcopal Fund, continued from former Conventions, was made by the Rev. J. F. Conover, in substance, that one-half of the Committee had left the Diocese, and the other had done nothing, and

he therefore asked the discharge of the Committee, which was granted.

On motion of Mr. F. A. Gorham,

Resolved, That an appropriation not to exceed eighty dollars from the funds of the Diocese be and is hereby made by this Convention, to defray the traveling expenses of the Diocesan Officers, not to exceed in amount the following sums, viz: For members of the Standing Committee, thirty dollars; for members of the Board of Missions, thirty dollars; and for the Examining Chaplains, twenty dollars.

After some discussion, this resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of the Rev. J. F. Conover,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention cause to be printed for the use of the Diocese, 500 copies of the Journal, which shall include as an Appendix the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese as now finally adopted; also that 100 Constitution and Canons be printed separately.

The Report of the Convocation of Kalamazoo was read by the Secretary of the Convocation, the Rev. H. J. Cook, (See Appendix F.)

The Report of the Convocation of Grand Rapids was not read having been mislaid by the Secretary of that Convocation. (See Appendix E.)

The Registrar of the Diocese made his Annual Report:

The Registrar respectfully reports that he has obeyed the Canon and safely kept all books, documents and manuscripts belonging to the Diocese and not required to be kept by any other officer, which have been put in his possession. That he has received for record from the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the minutes of the Consecrations of two Churches; of one Ordination to the Diaconate; of one Deposition of a Deacon from the Ministry; of the death of one Presbyter; of four admissions into, and two dismissals of Clergy from, the Diocese, and that he has received from the Secretaries and Registrars of other Dioceses, and other persons, various journals, pamphlets and papers.

SIDNEY BECKWITH,
Registrar.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. McMurdy,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be and hereby are presented to the Railroad Companies which have furnished generous reductions of fare to the Clergy and Delegates of this Convention.

The Tellers reported the election of the Rev. H. J. Cook, the Rev. J. F. Conover, the Rev. R. McMurdy, D. D., the Rev. W. Scott, and Messrs. D. Fisher, F. A. Gorham, W. J. Stuart, D. G. Robinson, and C. P. Dibble, as members of the Board of Missions, and that one Clergyman remains to be elected to complete the Canonical number of said Board. Upon the third ballot the Rev. R. Wood was elected, thus filling the Board.

On motion of the Rev. J. R. Taylor,

Resolved, That this Convention shall continue its meeting at its next Annual Session from Wednesday morning until the following Sunday evening.

After some discussion the resolution was laid on the table.

The Chair appointed as Tellers of the election of Deputies to the General Convention, the Rev. R. H. Paine and Mr. C. J. Sterling, the Rev. W. Matthias and Mr. J. P. Howlett.

The Tellers withdrew, and a recess was taken to organize the Board of Missions and the Standing Committee.

The Tellers reported the election as Deputies of the Rev. J. F. Conover the Rev. G. D. E Mortimer, the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, and Messrs. P. R. L. Peirce, L. C. Chapin, W. B. Williams and J. H. Montgomery, and that one Clerical Deputy is yet to be elected.

Upon the third ballot the Tellers reported: The number of ballots cast, 38; necessary to a choice, 20. The Rev. A. C. Lewis has 23 votes and is elected.

Signed, for the Tellers,

R. H. PAINE.

Motion was made by Mr. L. C. Chapin to add one member by election to the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

The motion prevailed, and the Chair named as Tellers, the Rev. S. H. Woodford and Mr. A. Platt.

REPORT.

Twenty-three ballots have been cast, and Mr. N. P. Loveridge is unanimously elected.

S. H. WOODFORD,
A. PLATT,
Tellers.

TELLERS' REPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Five persons have received a majority of the votes cast, to wit: the Rev. R. H. Paine, 24 votes; the Rev. S. Beckwith, 22; the Revs. J. R. Taylor and G. E. Peters, each 21, and Hon. Geo. Woodruff, 25 votes. As the Diocese is entitled to only four nominees, another ballot is necessary.

S. H. WOODFORD,
A. PLATT.

The Rev. S. Beckwith received permission at his request to decline the nomination for Trustee, and the other persons named in the Tellers' Report were declared the nominees of the Convention.

Motion was made and prevailed to adjourn after the customary devotions.

The minutes of the Afternoon Session were read, amended and approved.

The Convention united in singing the Gloria in Excelsis, and after a few parting words, with Prayers and the Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention was declared adjourned.

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE.
Bishop of Western Michigan.

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,
Secretary of the Convention.

WILLIAM H. KNOWLTON,
Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop's Address.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Western Michigan Assembled in the Third Annual Convention:

Beloved in Christ and the Church.—Happily, our Annual Council comes, in this year of grace, immediately upon the solemn commemorations of Whitsun-day and Trinity Sunday, and when the Ember prayers are fresh from our lips, and Ember thoughts yet linger in our minds. What "heavenly benediction" of the hour! Is the record of the year brought up to-day in the hands of the steward of the Lord, presented in the thought of weakness, of labour in vain, of wearying life with small result? Shall the pages I have to read to you tell more of a Bishop's toils and trials than a Bishop's triumphs, and disappoint at all the hope that made us a Diocese? As you look around, do we seem a band, gathering slowly from year to year, a new face present, but an old face gone? All this may be, and is; and yet there is something better than our own thoughts and feelings to cheer us. I hear a voice, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." What was the Church of Jesus when He left her, ascending to His glory-throne? A Church so weak, so poor in figures, that it has been said: "Perhaps the darkest Sunday that was ever hallowed by the Church was that which followed our Lord's Ascension." A little Mission chamber holds all Jerusalem's loving faith. And yet, only ten days longer, and thousands are living, in every breathing of their believing, loving hearts, "Lord, what shall we do"—"Christ is admired" in thousands of saints. And why this change? The day of Pentecost has "fully come," and past. The Holy Ghost, the Church's Comforter, has descended.

Where, then, is a despairing Minister, a hopeless Parish, a poor Diocese, when it is ever Whitsuntide—the Holy Ghost,

> "The heavenly gift of God most High,
> No tongue can it express,"

in all the Church's life, her all-in-all, in all her want, in all her blessed purpose, in all her longing hope.

The Whitsuntide joy and gladness are the first notes in the thrilling ascription of praise to the glorious Trinity. What was the holy ground we left to come up to our Council? On Trinity we stood before the throne. It was something of Isaiah's vision, when the Seraphims cried one unto another, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; His glory is the fullness of the whole earth." Have we not caught the inspiration? Do we not know the mighty power of God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—the power to make strength of our weakness; to make blessed the "sowing beside all waters;" to give the increase; to crown all we do to the measure of all we hope for?

"Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down and the feeble knees." Bring over all, the spirit of Whitsuntide and Trinity, and Ember meditation.

THE DEATH OF A PRESBYTER.

For the first time, death has taken from our Clerical List. The Rev. Luman Foote exercised his ministry in Vermont, New Hampshire, and in the Southern part of this State; but thirty years ago he relinquished all Clerical duty, returning to his early profession, the Law. I had never met him till, on an official visit to Charlotte, his residence, I called to see him—a feeble man of four-score. I am happy to quote from the better knowledge of our brother who knew him in his latter years, and ministered at his sick-bed and beside his coffin: "He was a very close student, much devoted to his Church, and a fervent advocate of its doctrines." Mr. Foote died at Charlotte, August 5th, 1876.

I should be unmindful of "the changes and chances of this mortal life," did I not speak gratefully of the Providence that has carried me in safety in journeyings, and has given me strength equal to the duties of the year.

LIFE INSURANCE FOR THE CLERGY.

In this connection, I will refer to the subject of Life Insurance for the Clergy. When we read some sentences of the offertory, it seems more than strange, that what *has* been done, that the families of those who have spent their lives in "sowing spiritual things," should not come to penury, has been through premium and tax, saved, nay, hardly extracted out of narrow salaries. And thereby hangs many a sad tale, how after years of the struggle, at last the benefit with its hope and comfort had to be given up, or some rascally managed company, patronized because it was cheaper, made the policy not worth its paper. Even the Clergy-

man's League, that promised so well, and for years did so well, and which whatever may be its future, has given many of us the pleasure of helping to lay a goodly sum in the lap of the family, a clerical friend or brother left behind him, has of late had to send out the notice of death so often, that its membership has been rapidly declining, and its benefit has dropped several hundred dollars. I believe that the case is so plain, and the call so comes home to reason and affection, that the Laity only need to see a good substantial way to relieve their Pastor's anxieties, to say to them, "let us bear this burden for you."

I therefore recommend the appointment of a Committee of Laymen to report to the next Convention on the best plan of Life Insurance for the Clergy.

EPISCOPAL ACTS.

I proceed to such details as the wise law of the Church—"At every Annual Diocesan Convention, the Bishop shall deliver an Address, stating the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention," requires.

The business sessions of the Convention occupied Thursday, June 1st, and when at a late hour our work closed, our Gloria in Excelsis was with grateful heart that all had been in harmony, and with wise decision for future growth.

June 4th, Whitsun-day, **Grand Rapids,** A. M., Grace Church, preached and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., St. Mark's Church, addressed the six Sunday Schools of the City, and met the Rectors and Sunday School teachers to suggest the formation of a Guild in which all the Parishes should unite. Evening, St. Paul's Church, aided in the Service.

June 5th, Monday in Whitsun Week, P. M., held a service in Eaton County Poor House. Evening, **Charlotte,** met the congregation for conference on their affairs.

June 9–12, Friday in Ember Week, **Manistee,** evening, officiated. Saturday, P. M., administered the Holy Communion with an Address, and visited the Poor House of Manistee County. Trinity Sunday, A. M., officiated. P. M., held service in the County Jail, and met the Sunday School. Evening, officiated and confirmed 10. Monday P. M., administered the Holy Communion to those just confirmed, with an address, and baptized three children; also met the gentlemen in conference on the Mission.

June 14, Wednesday, **Battle Creek,** St. Thomas' Church, laid the Cor-

ner stone and gave an historical sketch of the Parish. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. McMurdy, and Rev. H. B. Whittemore. Rev. J. F. Conover and Rev. G. E. Peters aided in the services. We all rejoiced over fears dismissed and prayers granted.

June 15, Thursday, evening, **Grand Rapids,** attended a meeting to organize the Guild. The measure has not resulted as I hoped. There should be some bond of union among the Parishes, and the Bishop should be brought in more intimate relation with the Church in the city where he resides.

June 18th, 1st Sunday after Trinity, **Hastings,** Emmanuel Church, A. M., preached and addressed the Sunday School. P. M., held service in the County Jail, having had service at Barry County Poor House on Saturday P. M. Evening, preached and confirmed 9.

June 25, 2d Sunday after Trinity, 26–27, Monday and Tuesday, **Racine College, Wisconsin,** attended as a Trustee and member of the visiting Committee. At the Trustees' meeting, a gratifying exhibit was made of the financial condition, and every opportunity was given by the Warden for investigating the management and life of the Institution. On Monday evening I had the gratification of being present at Waukegan, Illinois, at a Confirmation service held by the Diocesan.

June 29, St. Peter's Day, **Grand Rapids,** St. Mark's Church, A. M., administered the Holy Communion, and attended a meeting of the Board of Missions.

June 30th, Friday, **Van Buren County** Poor House, P. M., held a brief Service. Evening, **Lawrence,** preached.

July 2, 3d Sunday after Trinity, **Sturgis,** A. M., officiated and addressed the Sunday School. After a vacancy of several months, the Rev. H. Safford now officiates here every Sunday morning, and there is a good prospect of the erection of a Chapel.

Hendon, St. Paul's Church, evening, officiated and baptized 4 children. June 3. Monday, met the Vestry to adjust Rev. L. D. Ferguson's accounts with the Parish.

July 9, 4th Sunday after Trinity, **Portland,** A. M., officiated and confirmed 3. The good work commenced here by the Rev. J. W. Clark, and generously continued by Rev. S. H. Woodford, has been suspended, when the warm heart and open hand "for Zion's sake," would have continued it in other hands. Evening, preached at **Grand Ledge.** The Rector at Lansing was then officiating here occasionally.

July 14, **Grand Rapids,** met the Board of Missions.

July 16, 5th Sunday after Trinity, **Traverse City,** A. M. and evening, officiated. 17th, Monday, evening, met the Vestry. 18th, Tuesday, evening, removed the sod, and with the Rev. A. C. Lewis, conducted the service known as "Laying the Corner Stone."

July 23, 6th Sunday after Trinity, **Elk Rapids,** St. Paul's, A. M., preached and addressed the Sunday School, and met the Vestry to discuss the erection of a Chapel. Evening, preached.

July 30, 7th Sunday after Trinity, **Hersey,** Grace Mission, A. M. officiated, confirmed 2, and administered the Holy Communion, and visited the Jail. Evening, **Evart,** St. John's Mission, preached, confirmed 1, and administered the Holy Communion.

July 31, Monday, **Farwell,** evening, administered the Holy Communion with an address, and baptized 4 children.

August 1, Tuesday, **Mount Pleasant,** St. John's Mission, P. M., addressed the Sunday School. Evening, administered the Holy Communion with an address, and baptized 3 children.

August 6th, 8th Sunday after Trinity, **Greenville,** St. Paul's Church, officiated, administered the Holy Communion and met the Sunday School. In the evening, preached and met the Vestry in reference to resuming services.

August 8, Tuesday, **Petoskey,** evening, I could find only one person attached to the Church, but as in similar cases, I told her to hold her faith and her worship, as seed that may in time spring up.

August 9, Wednesday, **Northport,** evening, officiated and administered the Holy Communion. Here, also, my visit told me there was no "open door."

August 13, 9th Sunday after Trinity, **Elk Rapids,** St. Paul's Church, officiated at two services and took charge of the Sunday School.

My sojourn in the Grand Traverse country has impressed me with the value of this region as a place of summer resort. And my impressions have taken shape in a plan to secure land, to be leased for the erection of cottages. While my chief interest is to provide a place of comparatively inexpensive resort for the Clergy, I contemplate a general Summer Colony. The idea is not new, such resorts have been established at the West and in the East. Several advantages, beside that chiefly sought, would attend such a plan—services would be provided on the ground, Missionary visits could be made in the vicinity, and the Bishop would have opportunity of intercourse with his Clergy. "Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile," is ever the voice of the Master to his wearied servants, and their wives and children no less than themselves need the

recreation. I am ready to turn the Clerical fiction into fact when the cottages of the priests can stand amid those of the people. Several offers of land have been made and a Committee has the matter in charge.

August 20, 10th Sunday after Trinity, **Holland,** Grace Church, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, **Saugatuck,** All Saints' Church, preached, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed 1.

August 27, 11th Sunday after Trinity, **Hastings,** Emmanuel Church, A. M., preached and met the Sunday School. P. M., held service at the Poor House and the Jail of Barry County. Evening, preached and confirmed 4.

September 3, 12th Sunday after Trinity, **Grand Haven,** St. John's, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, preached.

September 10, 13th Sunday after Trinity, **Grand Rapids,** Grace Church, A. M., preached. Good Shepherd, P. M., preached and confirmed 3. St. Paul's, evening, preached.

September 12–13, Tuesday and Wednesday, **Grand Haven,** St. John's, Meeting of the Convocation of Grand Rapids. The Meeting was one of those that fully repay the attendance of the Clergy, and I am sure gave comfort to a struggling Pastor.

September 17, 14th Sunday after Trinity, **Grand Rapids,** St. Mark's, A. M., preached, also held a service in Kent County Jail. In the evening, at St. Mark's, delivered a lecture on the Jail system.

September 19–20, Tuesday and Wednesday, **Saugatuck,** All Saints', Meeting of the Convocation of Kalamazoo. One of the advantages of our Convocation system is, that the Clergy find their way to such distant points to cheer alike the Pastor and the people. As usual, we well filled the evening and the day, and meetings of the Board of Missions and the Local Secretaries were held.

September 23–24, **Ionia,** St. John's. Saturday, 23d, evening, officiated. 24th, 15th Sunday after Trinity, A. M., officiated and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., baptized a child in private. Evening, preached, baptized 2 children, and confirmed 2.

September 28–October 18. I was absent from the Diocese in attendance on the meeting of the Board of Missions, and the special meeting of the House of Bishops, in Philadelphia.

The continuance of the Commission for Home Missions to Colored People, and the payment of the crushing debt, were the topics that main-

ly occupied the former. The latter gave to Africa and China, Bishops, though as yet the one has not turned his face towards his future home, and the other defers his consecration. We trust that both are making sure the better warfare against Satan and his seat, for the Church is impatient to see her Missions under their proper control, and Africa and China must be weary with their crying.

October 1, 16th Sunday after Trinity, **New York,** St. Bartholomew's Church, preached.

October 22, 19th Sunday after Trinity, **Kalamazoo,** St. Luke's Church, A. M., preached and confirmed 3. P. M., St. Barnabas' Chapel, preached at the opening. This is the Missionary zeal of the Rector of St. Luke's and some of his "willing" people. A destitute suburb of the village is found, and in a few weeks a Chapel is erected, and to-day just the work is doing there that the energies of the Parish demand and the bodies and souls of the people need. Where is the Parish, even the Mission, that might not have its outlying work, though small, yet great, as work for God; were there only more of His spirit who said, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, for therefore came I forth." Going about doing good—how much there is of this in our Ordination vows, how much of it in the very calling of a disciple of Jesus. Evening, St. John's, preached.

October 23, Monday, **Schoolcraft,** evening, in a private house, administered the Holy Communion, with an address.

October 24, Tuesday, **Union City,** Grace Church, evening, preached, confirmed 2, and met the Vestry.

October 25, **Ann Arbor,** Diocese of Michigan, officiated at a wedding.

October 29, 20th Sunday after Trinity, **Allegan,** Church of the Good Shepherd, A. M., preached and met the Sunday School. P. M., held service at the Allegan County Poor House. Evening, preached and confirmed 8.

October 30, Monday, **Otsego,** evening, preached, and on the following morning baptized 3 children. The Rev. W. Scott will care for our two or three here.

October 31, Tuesday, **Plainwell,** evening, officiated and administered the Holy Communion. While the effort to build in this village was no doubt in love of the Church, I fear it was premature. The title to the lot has not been secured, and the Chapel is unfinished. A Committee of the Trustees of the Diocese have the matter in charge.

November 1, All Saints' Day, the late **Griswold Mission at Bradley.**

I addressed the Indians through an interpreter. I was received cordially, and eleven of those present informed me they had been confirmed. I make an annual visit in token that the Church never forgets her children. Bishop McCoskry has signified to me his desire to transfer his trust.

November 5, 21st Sunday after Trinity, **Baldwin,** A. M., preached and met the Sunday School. P. M., administered the Holy Communion. Evening, preached and confirmed 3. A Church Sunday School was all the public recognition of Christianity at the time of my visit to this new town. Our Missionary at Ludington makes an occasional visit.

November 10, Friday, **Manton,** officiated, preached on the following morning, baptized an infant, and administered the Holy Communion. A lot has been secured. The Missionary at Traverse City, will I hope be able to secure the Church a foothold in a growing town.

November 12, 22d Sunday after Trinity, **Traverse City,** Grace Church, A. M., consecrated the new edifice, preached and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, preached. An Architect of the place has given us a well arranged, pleasing Chapel. A robing room and not a closet is a feature I would commend.

November 15, 16, Wednesday and Thursday, **Hastings,** Emmanuel Church, the Semi-Annual Missionary meeting. In the absence of the Rector, the parishioners had made every arrangement needful. Ten Clergymen were present, and the meeting was pronounced by all a most interesting and profitable one.

November 19, 23d Sunday after Trinity, **Battle Creek,** St. Thomas' Church, A. M., preached, baptized an adult, and administered the Holy Communion. P. M.. met the children. Evening, preached and confirmed 6.

November 20, Monday. **Galesburg,** P. M., administered the Holy Communion in a private house; in the evening, preached in the Union School House. The Rector of St. Luke's, Kalamazoo, who was with me, makes our few church people, as far as he can, his parishioners. And when Minister and people try to have it so, there may be Pastor and people a long way apart.

November 21, Tuesday, **Grand Rapids,** by night, confirmed a consumptive in St. Mark's Home and Hospital. The Home stands within sight of the Rectory, so it has all but the Chaplain within its walls. I never knew such an institution to live so easily. In time there should be a sisterhood, and the care of the sick and needy of the city should centre here. And in time I think there will be a Church Home in *the village*, as there is now in *the city*, of the Diocese, and the Parishes that need not

the Home, will send the helpless ones they help to these Retreats. This is what should be, and so, if we believe, it will be.

November 26, 25th Sunday after Trinity, **Three Rivers,** Trinity Church, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., instructed the children who had lost their Sunday School. Evening, preached. A Bishop may be very useful to visit vacant Parishes, but "the proof" of his coming would be, did the people feel that it is well only to have one such visit.

November 27, Monday, **Centerville,** evening, preached, and so recalled to the minds of the people that the Church was once not so much a stranger. At a later hour held a service in the Jail.

November 30, Thanksgiving Day, **Muskegon,** St. Paul's Church, A.M., preached, confirmed 1, and administered the Holy Communion, then the Rector and myself tried to make a Thanksgiving in the Jail.

December 1, Friday, **Grand Rapids,** in the Chapel of St. Mark's Church, after an appropriate service, I deposed from the Holy Ministry, the Rev. Isaiah J. Babcock, Deacon, under Canon 6, Title II. The deposition was "pronounced and recorded in the presence of" Rev. C. A. Foster, LL. D., Rev. Mosley Morris, Rev. Sidney Beckwith, and Rev. Samuel Earp, Presbyters; and "notice" was "given to every Bishop of this Church."

December 3, Advent Sunday, **Marshall,** Trinity Church, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., met the children and held service at the Poor House. Evening, preached and confirmed 8.

December 4, Monday, **Decatur,** P. M., in a private house, the Holy Communion. Evening, officiated. With more "unity of spirit," there might be frequent services here.

December 5, 6, Tuesday and Wednesday, **Paw Paw,** St. Mark's Church, on the evening of the first named day, we closed the sacred use of the chamber in the house; on the following morning, the chapel was consecrated, the Rev. Wyllys Hall, of Ann Arbor, Diocese of Michigan, kindly preaching the sermon, and in the evening, a Missionary service closed this day of gladness. The Clergy with some of the Laity, came from the neighboring Parishes and beyond, to witness the "happy issue" to long struggle and sacrifice.

December 10, 2d Sunday in Advent; my will was good to spend this day at **Lawrence,** but Lawrence did not care to spend the day with me, so having learned, very likely the needed lesson, that a Bishop's zeal has

less force than a Layman's indifference; I was glad to make an early ride to congenial Paw Paw, and there I had the privilege of preaching all the first Sunday in the new Church.

December 15, Friday, **Ludington,** Grace Church, evening, preached and confirmed 1.

December 17, 3d Sunday in Advent, in the same church preached morning and evening, and at the latter service confirmed 3; in the afternoon I was at the Poor House. This Sunday belonged to Manistee, but Saturday proved so tempestuous, that I was advised not to attempt a ride of thirty miles. I was glad to help a brother who at his distant post does all his work.

December 18, Monday and Tuesday, **Manistee,** evening, officiated. On the following morning, 19th, administered the Holy Communion, with an address, and in private baptized two children. I had expected to report this place in charge of a Missionary, and $300 from the fund for new work has been reserved for the purpose, but business depression has made those interested fearful. It is well to be prudent, but it has been said, "The wise and active conquer difficulties by daring to attempt them."

December 20, Ember Day, **Grand Rapids,** St. Paul's Church, attended a meeting in reference to Church extension in the City. Good words were spoken but there were few to hear.

December 23, Ember Day, **Coldwater,** St. Mark's Church, evening, briefly addressed the congregation after a sermon by the Rector on Missions.

December 24, 4th Sunday in Advent, A. M., preached. Evening, preached and confirmed 1.

P. M., **Quincy,** preached. The Rev. Mr. Cook officiates here every second Sunday. The lot has been sold. The Parish has a fund for building of about $900.

December 25, Christmas Day, **Coldwater,** St. Mark's Church, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., held services at the Poor House. Evening, attended the Children's Christmas.

December 28, Holy Innocents' Day, **Grand Rapids,** Chapel of the Good Shepherd, P. M., participated in the exercises of the Children's Festival.

December 31, 1st Sunday after Christmas, **Albion,** St. James' Church, A. M., admitted to the Diaconate, William Heavener Sparling, presented by the Rev. G. E. Peters, preached and administered the Holy Communion; also addressed the Sunday School. Evening, preached and con-

firmed 3. I have pleasure in bringing these extraordinary services into Churches where they have not been known, and on this occasion, Rector and people were grateful for the appointment.

1877—January 5, Friday, **Big Rapids,** St. Andrew's Church, evening, preached. Sixth, Saturday, Epiphany, P. M., preached. Seventh, 1st Sunday after Epiphany, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., held a service at the Poor House. Evening, preached and confirmed 6. This series of services was very pleasant to me and brought me in closer contact with the people than I had been before. The outlook of this Parish is not dark, but the good women must not be left to serve alone. The Rector is entitled to the hearty co-operation of his men.

January 9, 10, Tuesday and Wednesday, **Grand Rapids,** St. Paul's Church, Convocation, administered the Holy Communion; read an Essay and presided; eight Clergymen were present, but the attendance did not look like a city with 800 Communicants. Is it not strange, that in a little village, where the people know us not, a few notices will gather more souls than will come together in the town with its old Parish, and when the desk has pled, and Clergymen have came from afar. Is this like a holy fellowship?

January 14, 2d Sunday after Epiphany, **Coopersville,** Mission, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., addressed the Sunday School, and held service at the Ottawa County Poor House. Evening, preached and confirmed 2. The effort is making to secure a lot.

January 16, 17, Tuesday and Wednesday, **Mendon,** St. Paul's Church, Convocation of Kalamazoo, preached, administered the Holy Communion and presided. Five Clergymen were present. The Rev. A. E. Bishop has been officiating in this Parish for the last five months, I hope to remain.

January 19, Friday, **Grand Rapids,** St. Mark's, confirmed 1 in private.

January 21, 3d Sunday after Epiphany, **Newaygo,** St. Mark's Mission, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., met the Sunday School, and held service at the Poor House. Evening, preached and confirmed 2. Rev. Mr. Morris divides his time between this place and Coopersville and his work begins to tell.

January 25, Conversion of St. Paul, **Hastings,** Emmanuel Church, A. M., preached, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized 2 adults. The Rector has been seeking needed rest and vigor for himself and wife in California. The Rev. A. H. Locke, Deacon, of the Diocese

of Maine, has acceptably filled the vacancy. We rejoice to have our dear brother back with us to-day.

January 28, Septuagesima Sunday, **Whitehall,** Church of the Redeemer, A. M., preached and spoke to the Sunday School. Evening, preached and confirmed 5. The Rector makes good success compared with the opportunity. The laborers in our new towns have need indeed "in patience to possess their souls," but then it is now, and it will be in the end, with the Master, "Every man according to his work."

January 29, Monday, **Pentwater,** evening, preached and confirmed 1. This village is prematurely old. Ludington has taken its strength. One Sunday in four is its quota of services.

February 4, Sexagesima Sunday, **Grand Haven,** St. John's, A. M., preached, baptized the infant of the Rector, administered the Holy Communion. P. M., held a Sunday School Service and visited the Jail. Evening, preached and confirmed 1.

February 8, Thursday, **Kalamazoo,** attended Meetings of the Board of Missions and Trustees of the Diocese.

Same day, received Canonical Notice from the Standing Committee, that the Rev. Lorenzo D. Ferguson, Presbyter, has "notified the Committee that he has abandoned the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church," by a formal admission "into a religious body not in communion with the same."

February 11, Quinquagesima Sunday, **Eaton Rapids,** St. Matthias' Mission, A. M., preached, administered the Holy Communion, and met the Sunday School. **Charlotte,** P. M., Grace Mission, preached, baptized an infant, and confirmed 2. Previously, addressed the Sunday School and held service in the Jail. The Missionary, now that the Church is completed at Eaton Rapids, has moved to Charlotte. By an excellent device—a card put in every paper in the County, and posted at every Postoffice—he seeks out the scattered members of the Church. If every Minister would do the same, there would be few to complain that they are left unsought and uncalled for, and fewer would wander into strange pastures. A Missionary Diocese must ask all her Clergy to have an active interest beyond Parish bounds.

February 12, Monday, **Homer,** Christ Church, evening, preached and met the Parishioners, urging them to renew the Services which Rev. Mr. Corson is ready to give them. It is sad to see an old Parish determined to die before the Lord's time.

February 13–14, Ash Wednesday, **Union City,** Grace Church. On

these days I officiated four times, administering the Holy Communio baptizing a child, confirming 1 person. The Parish looked too stro not to have a Rector.

February 16, Friday, **Grand Rapids,** addressed the Kent Scientif Association upon a State Institution for Idiots.

February 18, 1st Sunday in Lent, **Grand Rapids.** This being t Sunday of the visit of the Rev. Mr. Chandler, "Associate Secretary a General Agent for Domestic Missions," I was with him at the services the three Parishes, glad to give him the assurance of the gratitude of t Diocese to the Board, and to show how fully I was in sympathy with zeal. On Monday evening I attended a similar meeting at the Cha of the Good Shepherd.

February 20, Tuesday, participated in the funeral services of the of the Rev. H. Banwell. Her remains brought to her childhood's hom May God comfort and keep in sorrow and in feebleness.

February 21, Wednesday, Ember Day, **Grand Rapids,** St. Mark Church, made a seasonable address.

February 23, Friday, Ember Day, St. Paul's Church, preached.

February 24, St. Matthias' Day. Anniversary of my Consecration **Grand Rapids,** St. Mark's Chapel, administered the Holy Communion after a brief address by the Rector. The Clergy of the city and a num ber of the Parishioners gave me the comfort of their presence and prayers I may mention in this place, that early in the year I issued "a Praye for a blessing on the Diocese, suggested for use in private and famil devotions, and that may be used in the Church at the discretion of th Clergy."

What a bond of blessed union such mutual prayer would be! How would forbid the Parish always looking at home, we so deplore! An should not a Bishop, who is denied the warm sympathies of the Pastorat yet have the comfort of the mention of believing hearts in their prayer

February 25, 2d Sunday in Lent, **Grand Rapids,** A. M., Grace Churc preached and confirmed 6. The Parish are considering the erection a Chapel on a new site. P. M., Good Shepherd, preached and co firmed 4. This Chapel is now in charge of the Rev. S. Beckwith, offic ating on Sunday Afternoon. Evening, preached at St. Paul's.

February 28, Wednesday, **Lansing**, Diocese of Michigan, lectured f my friend, the Rector.

March 4, 3d Sunday in Lent, **St. Joseph,** Christ Church, A. M., offic ated and administered the Holy Communion. The Rev. V. Spaldin

has resigned the charge he held for four years. His labors latterly have been beyond his strength, and have been continued in hope of leaving behind him a foundation, securing the life of the Parish. It is due to the generous Missionary aid, and his services, that there should be more to show. The Parish do not offer even what would make a salary with the Missionary grant. P. M., officiated at **Benton Harbor.** Evening, met the Vestry.

March 5, Monday, **South Haven,** evening, preached, and baptized 2 children. The following morning administered the Holy Communion. The South-Western part of the Diocese would seem neglected, were it not that no efforts that require pecuniary aid are warmly seconded. It is all well to look for aid from without, but we have no Missionary Fund to give entire support. With generous co-operation on the part of little bands of Churchmen scattered in neighboring villages, we could form the limited itineracy.

March 6, Tuesday, **Holland,** Grace Church, evening, preached and confirmed 10. It was God's witness to toil amid trial. A claim has been brought against the Parish, for a large part of which the Vestry have given a Bond and Mortgage. Considering how this Church was built, the cost should not have exceeded the large contribution. It should have been sacredly guarded from debt. The matter is in the hands of the Trustees of the Diocese.

March 9, Friday, **Burr Oak,** Grace Church, evening, preached and confirmed 5. The Chapel, commenced several years ago, stands in a field, covered in, but fast decaying.

March 11, 4th Sunday in Lent, **Three Rivers,** Trinity Church, officiated all day, with the Holy Communion. The floating debt is nearly gone, and the Parish must seek a partner that is in like inability of self-dependence.

March 12, Monday, **Constantine,** evening, officiated. Ofice the Church was less a stranger here.

March 15, Thursday, **Grand Haven,** St. John's, evening, preached. The Rector had been holding continuous services. God's blessing is given to all diligence, and the Parish never seemed so hopeful as to-day.

March 18, 5th Sunday after Lent, **Greenville,** St. Paul's Church. A. M., preached and met the Sunday School. P. M., held service at the Poor House. Evening, preached and confirmed 4. At this time all looked encouraging, but since, the Vestry have determined that they cannot keep the Church open even half the time. Of course their decision is final, but it is a sad step to take to close the House of God, and for a

time suspend the blessings of his Worship and Sacraments. A people can only be justified in such a policy when they have made their record of the "zeal of His House consuming them."

March 19, Monday, **Ionia,** St. John's Church, evening, preached and confirmed 5. The Rector of St. Paul's, Greenville, has officiated here every other Sunday. I hope he will now take full charge.

March 20-22, **Flint,** Diocese of Michigan, attended the meeting of the State Superintendents of the Poor, and delivered an Address. These conferences on Charity are of growing value to one of the chief interests of the State.

March 25, 6th Sunday in Lent, **Kalamazoo,** St. Luke's Church, A. M., administered the Holy Communion, preached, confirmed 17, and addressed the Sunday School. P. M., St. Barnabas' Chapel, preached. Evening, at St. Luke's, Preached.

March 26-27, Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week, attended, and assisted in, eight Services in the two Parishes—glad to aid the Rectors in their busy Lent. The Church in our second largest town in godly unity, is working up to her opportunity. We have so few grand centres we must make the "full proof" in them all.

March 28, Wednesday in Holy Week, **Grand Rapids,** St. Mark's Church, evening, preached and confirmed 10. This was almost the closing up of the Rector's faithful and successful seven years' stewardship. The Standing Committee and the Vestry have given only just expression of his services to the Diocese. For myself, I feel the loss of a Rector who in the large opportunity of his position, has held up my hands, and a friend ever kind and attentive. The Parish very wisely had secured the new Rector before they parted with the old, and even then filled the few weeks' vacancy. We welcome our brother to the goodly heritage on which he enters, with the promise of the earthly outlook and the Heavenly blessing.

March 29-30-31, Thursday in Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter Even. I spent the entire of the chief of these days, and parts of the others, in Trinity Church, **Marshall,** preaching three times, confirming 9, meeting the Sunday School, and holding service at the Poor House. The Rector's zeal had gone beyond his strength, and that he should "rest awhile," is best for Pastor and Parish.

March 31, Easter Even, **Augusta,** held a night service. We have only two or three here, but a whole Vestry could not be more "careful for us."

April 1, Easter Day, **Battle Creek,** St. Thomas' Church, A. M.,

preached, administered the Holy Communion. P. M., held a Sunday School Easter, and baptized a child. Evening, preached and confirmed 8. As I write, a letter of disappointment comes. A Presbyter did, what it is very kind in any Presbyter to do, came and visited the Parish. The Vestry vote was unanimous that he should abide with them, and now, some think, "the time is not yet," the Church must first be finished, and yet the Church moves along very slowly. I hope this judgment will be reversed, for no Parish is safe for nigh four years, all its sorts and conditions of men and women without Priest or Pastor.

April 6, Friday, **Paw Paw**, St. Mark's Church, P. M., confirmed a sick person, and met the children. Evening, preached and confirmed 2.

April 8, 1st Sunday after Easter, **Niles**, Trinity Church, A. M., preached. P. M., confirmed in private 2. Evening, preached and confirmed 189. The Church edifice should be enlarged, as its capacity cannot be very much beyond the number of Communicants.

April 9, Monday, **Lawton**, evening, preached and was urged to repeat my visit.

April 10–12, **Kalamazoo**, the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Diocesan Convocation. The Bishop of Michigan preached the opening sermon, feelingly alluding to the ties that bound him to the Diocese. A notable feature was the meeting in the interests of Woman's Work. Seventeen Clergymen were present from Western Michigan and five from Michigan.

April 15, 2d Sunday after Easter, **Coldwater**, St. Mark's Church, A. M., preached, confirmed 2, and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., held service at the Poor House, calling at the State School, by the way. Evening, preached. The Chapel, on one side of the Church lot, which is gradually acquiring the quit claim, shows what is meant to be. I hope we shall not long look so humble, as now we must strike the stranger who is looking up the steeples.

April 22, 3d Sunday after Easter, **Farwell**, Trinity Mission, A. M., preached, baptized 2 children, confirmed 2, and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, preached. A lot has been given.

April 23, Monday, **Evart**, St. John's Mission, P. M., administered the Holy Communion. Evening, preached and confirmed 1. The Missionary is resident here.

April 24, Tuesday, **Hersey**, Grace Mission, evening, preached and confirmed 1. On the following morning, administered the Holy Communion. This place illustrates the difficulty we often encounter in Mis-

sionary work. The removal of two families has for the time closed our good prospects.

The work in these three places, before alluded to, must be sustained. There are villages on all the line of the Flint & Pere Marquette R. R., and if one place fails, another may be substituted. If the Church is to fulfill all her mission, she must work "here a little and there a little," and that without counting time too fast.

April 25, Wednesday, **Tustin,** evening, officiated and confirmed 1. For information of the Swedish Mission established here, reference is made to the report of the Special Committee, to be submitted to this Convention.

April 27, Friday, **Elk Rapids,** St. Paul's Church, evening, preached and confirmed 8.

I have no more agreeable communication to make than that the Missionary has commenced a subscription to erect a Chapel, and has met with unexpected success among the people. It is over seven years since the Mission was established, and while we would not measure the grand result by any outward appearance, or think less of faithful, self-denying work, because the full form and feature of the Parish are wanting, it has awakened our solicitude that the House of Prayer had not been secured.

April 29, 4th Sunday after Easter, **Traverse City,** Grace Church, A. M., preached and met the Sunday School. Evening, preached and confirmed 6. The Parish has been already alluded to.

May 6, 5th Sunday after Easter, A. M., service at **Kent County** Poor House, and P. M. at the Jail, thus ministering to humanity in sorrow and in sin.

May 10, Ascension Day, **Saranac,** Trinity Church, P. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion, and after met the Vestry. A claim of over $200 places a weak Parish in "a great strait."

May 13, Sunday after Ascension Day, **Kalamazoo,** St. John's, A. M., preached and confirmed 19, the Holy Communion, I had administered at an early hour. P. M., addressed the Sunday School, and visited the Jail. Evening, preached. Far pleasanter such a visit than to come, as I had before, to a vacant Parish, and meet a Vestry not knowing what to do.

May 14, Monday, **Breedsville,** evening, preached in a Hall, and on the morrow, administered in private the Holy Communion to the Rev. W. L. Lyster, an honored name in the annals of the Church in Michigan, with his family and others.

May 20, Whitsun-day, **Grand Rapids**, St. Paul's Church, A. M. preached, administered the Holy Communion and addressed the Sunday School. Evening, preached and confirmed 5.

May 22, Tuesday in Whitsun-week, **Coopersville**, Mission, evening, preached and confirmed 5.

May 27, Trinity Sunday, **Muskegon**, St. Paul's Church, A. M., preached and confirmed 14, and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, **Whitehall**, Church of the Redeemer, confirmed 4.

May 29, Tuesday, **Niles**, Trinity Church, evening, presided at a Missionary Meeting preliminary to the Annual Convention.

VISITATIONS IN FUTURE.

It is not from any diminished interest in the work which is given me to do, but rather that I may the better fulfill this vast responsibility, that I announce that, in future, one visit annually to a Parish or Mission, unless under circumstances of peculiar necessity, is all I can promise.

For the past, the new Diocese; my own want of familiarity with all but a few prominent points; the times changing pastors and making it difficult to sustain our feeble Missions; and the necessity that the Bishop should take the oversight of the scattered members of the Church; have imposed an amount of visiting that has left little more than space for a laborious correspondence.

To pursue this course would, I am persuaded, be to sacrifice higher interests of the Diocese to minor. There is a difficulty connected with visitations in the early part of the Conventional year—the time is unfavorable for confirmations, while the Summer months are least adapted to purely missionary services on week days. I believe that the Clergy will cheerfully acquiesce, even in appointments that are not as fully "in season" as they could desire.

THE PROGRESS OF THE YEAR.

From year to year, ours is the tale of "the day of small things," and even our encouragement is in the censure of Heaven on its despisal. To-day, as we span the twelve-month, seeking signs to cheer us, we find the worshiping Church where last year the Corner stone was laid, and, as we see the gray-haired Priest at the altar, are reminded of dear old Simeon, ready to depart, because he had "seen the Lord's salvation." We recall two Chapels, each of the Parish Church, one for the good uses of the Chapel, and one to give the Parish the field to do good, a suburb of the village presents. We are pointed, in the far North of our limits, to a

work all complete—Chapel consecrated and Pastor at the post—wher only in the midsummer was the sod broken. Then, Parish property that seemed likely to be lost to our heritage are both for the time safe i the care of a worthy Rector, who seemed sent to us from afar. And could mention several of our places decidedly looking up, and give suc items as, more confirmed than had been expected; some debts growin towards annihilation, the only growth they should have, and other littl signs, yet great, because the work is God's.

DIOCESAN GROWTH SLOW.

And yet this is but a short tale of the year's gains, and indeed, ou work moves slowly. No one knows it more, than he who utters it. An there is an explanation that should defend the Church and all he builders.

There is a population in Western Michigan of 527,101 (census of 1874) How is this population grouped? We have one city of 26,000; one vil lage of over 11,000; one city over 8,000, and thirteen of a populatio from a little over 5,000 to 2,000. This leaves far more than four-fifth for small villages and rural districts. The farming population must com prise fully one-half. These figures explain, in part, our difficulty. A scattered population opposes the introduction of any institutions. Th Church must find her own people, or make converts, to become estab lished. The prospect of the one is not good, and the other must be o slow attainment when her entrance is into a limited population.

There is no absolute destitution of worship and religious instructio except in the sparse population of some Northern Counties. In the old er portions of the Diocese, various Denominations have attained a foo hold and secured their houses of worship. Even in the lumber distric that has been filling up for several years past, while there is less decide occupation of the ground, there is the vigorous struggle of denominatio alism. In a place where a single congregation would amply suffice fo the population, and certainly where the ability for support is no greate several little bands will be found, each struggling for full developmen Indeed, the lesson of the evil—I might say the shame—of our divide Christianity is nowhere better taught than in our Northern Counties When our Missionary appears on the ground, he must take his part i the petty struggle, intensified by a new comer.

It may be asked, is the Church as often as others successful in th struggle? It is a fair question, though it has an answer painful till it i explained. In the judgment of man, she is not. And why? I speak

advisedly, feeling the seriousness of calling in question, in a "world that lieth in wickedness," anything that asserts itself the Gospel of Christ, when I say, because she will not relax her Creed, or trim her practice to the popular mind. As she holds the Faith, so they who come to her must receive it. As she believes the Sacraments, so she will administer and teach them. Her answer to the question, "what must I do to be saved?" is one and emphatic. Her lessons of "holiness and true righteousness" she receives as so taught of God that they may not be touched by man. Need I say, what is the result? How much is stricken out, that makes the so-called religious success of the day?

We must grant to others the better showing of their figures. If the popular interpretation of "Being all things unto all men" be just, if the sensational be in divine sympathy with the spiritual; then justly the Church suffers the reproach of not winning the crowd. To others belongs the wisdom, and to us the simplicity. But, if we are on "the foundation of God," "it standeth sure." "He that believeth shall not be in haste, in trepidation." "If a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully." I often think it requires the brave heart to let alone what seems to make the great gain of godliness, to "go softly," when there is a way that seemeth right, unto even good men, that hastens results; yet bravery is the fruit of faith, and what is clearer in direction or larger in promise than this: "Thus saith the Lord: Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

VACANT PARISHES.

St. Thomas', Battle Creek, has continued vacant. The Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall, kindly officiated on week days during Lent, and prepared the class for Confirmation. Grace, Union City, has, as in past years, had lay-reading. St. Paul's, Courtland, and Christ, Plainfield, must be regarded as extinct as Parishes, and I fear are too "lukewarm" to be worthy to be called Missions. Trinity, Three Rivers, has continued vacant since the resignation of the Rev. M. E. Buck, in October last. Christ, St. Joseph, since the resignation of Rev. V. Spalding, December 31st. St. Paul's, Greenville, and St. John's, Ionia, have been supplied, by the Rector of the former, for the last five months. St. Paul's, Mendon, for the last six months. The Rev. L. L. Rogers has lately resumed services at Trinity, Saranac, suspended for several months. St. John's, Kalamazoo, was supplied in December. St. Paul's, Muskegon, and St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, soon passed to new Rectors, the latter knew no suspension of services.

This showing is not unhappy. And yet the vacant Parish oftener tells the tale of a feeble sense of the value of Priest, Pastor, and Sacrament—which seems very strange in the Church—than of a providential poverty. I am sure the Prophet of the Lord, beside some of our lonely altars—the people very well content to have it so—would lift up his voice "Is it time for you, O, ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?" Yes, and it is not only "ceiled houses" that rise up as sad witnesses, but it is the living that says, in its fashion, its amusement, its appetite; no self-sacrifice in these, no, though the House of God for months and years be barred and silent. The constraining love of Christ as a grain of mustard seed, with those who have so often pledged it all at the altar, would soon do the sum that would give ample figures of salary. Ah, brethren, all this will look very different at the judgment seat of Christ. Oh! that men could only see the things temporal and the things eternal, as one day they must see them!

THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE DIOCESE.

The Secretary of the Board presents another ably drawn report, giving a general view of our aided work. Two new ventures have been made during the year; the itineracy on the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad, and the expansion of the work at Traverse City. The former has met with precisely some of those difficulties which all such efforts must encounter. Indeed, the laborer, and those who send him, must lay to heart "The husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it." The latter has the witness of success, that the people say, their "expectations have been far surpassed." To a reasonable mind of churchly culture, and especially to the faith and love of the inhabitant in Zion, all the Missionary enterprise you are called to sustain, looks more or less encouraging. I know not the spot it would be right to abandon. These, as it may seem to us almost desolate places, have the record to-day, that some of our best Parishes have had in the past.

In my first address, I commended the plan of a General Missionary, (Journal '75, page 47). The plan has only gained by my experience, but our funds have not permitted such an appointment. Very likely they will not the coming year. This much, however, may be attained: the employment of a Clergyman for a few months, to visit places where our services are not held. I have made many visits to such places, but what are they among so many? I can scarcely hope, in any reasonable time, to make the Church heard in our hundreds of villages, to say nothing of rural districts and lumber camps. Such a Missionary would

ascertain what points it is advisable for the Bishop to go to, would secure the names of scattered churchmen, would show them that their spiritual mother cares for them, would give the Church at least a hearing among strangers.

Eight Missions have been organized during the year. The Canon, excepting in one or two details, is found to work well, and is a great gain over the old system of hasty, feeble parochial organization.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETINGS AND CONVOCATIONS.

The semi-annual Missionary Meetings have been held at Hastings and Kalamazoo. The latter was a joint meeting of the two Dioceses, renewing the old sympathies and cementing the ties that have never been broken. The Bishop of Michigan and five of his Clergy joined us, and entered heartily into our discussions. I am too unwilling to forego the pleasure and profit of these re-unions to think otherwise than that the absence of so many whom we looked for, was, for reasons, painfully yielded to.

Two meetings have been held in each of the Convocations. A third was merely formal, to meet the Canon. An arrangement giving a Summer, Autumn and Winter meeting, will better serve the Convocation plan. The cases of habitual absence from such gatherings are very few, and could we always promise the benefit, "without money and without price," they would be fewer yet. It is the sentiment of the Clergy, even of those who have to tear themselves away from pressing work, that Missionary meetings and Convocations well repay them. The wide range of subjects, makes these meetings studies of beneficence, while they happily unite the Clerical and Lay element in council for the Church's interest. Indeed, a zealous Diocese must have such meetings. We owe much to them in the past, and they have store of blessing for us in the future.

PENAL AND PAUPER INSTITUTIONS.

I have visited, generally in company with the Clergy, fifteen Poor Houses and thirteen Jails; when practicable, holding a Service; and at a meeting of the State Superintendents of the Poor, read a paper on the Charities of Europe. I deem it proper to make mention to the Convention, of my appointment by the Governor of the State, as one of the "Board of State Commissioners, for the general supervision of Charitable, Penal, Pauper, and Reformatory Institutions." While I am grateful for being thus placed in a position to better serve what to a Minister of Christ are sacred interests, I trust that the Diocese will be drawn in closer

sympathy with these institutions. This is a field of doing good that has been so neglected, that we may almost say it has been despised.

GENERAL MISSION AND CHURCH OBJECTS.

The General Board has dealt very kindly with us, continuing our grant for six months, at the old rate of a thousand dollars a year, with the promise for the remaining six of all they can do. The late Report of the Board (October, 1876,) shows an aggregate increase of contributions from the Diocese towards one hundred dollars. Yet only four Parishes made the four offerings. Three hundred and seventy communicants in four Parishes, and only $12.25 from those Parishes even for Domestic Missions. And, in general, such pitiable offerings. Do our Parishes and Missions think to deceive God as to their ability? Have they heard that fearful question, "Will a man rob God?" Ah! we must bear our part in the shame that for weeks has been written and rewritten, in our church press for coming generations to read. The shame that to-day is read from Dan to Beersheba by those whose ears we have filled with the claim, an Apostolic Church.

The Church has stood face to face with the fact that, unless she gives her money, she must lose her missions. Never before has this Church been so busy over a financial system. It is all very well; but what the Church wants is, the right spirit in this whole matter of giving money. And where she wants it most (I speak this painfully,) is where one would think she would never seek it in vain—among the special stewards of the Lord at her altars. You say, in amazement and all sincerity, God forbid!

What, then, does it mean; Parishes of high degree and low degree, Parishes in every Diocese—in some by scores—not contributing one cent to Domestic, Foreign, Indian or Freedmen Missions? Can any Priest of the Lord stand up, in the name of the Lord and plead for any branch of Missions, and the alms basins come back to his hands empty? Brethren, we must be fearless, and open up to the people this matter of the stewardship of goods. We must preach far away from their thoughts, that the money they give, every dollar of which comes directly back to them in a comfortable Church and a Pastor's care, is their praiseworthy charity. We must put the giving alms in the Confirmation Vow and the Holy Communion Covenant. We must show that it is as damaging to a man's [illegible] not to give honestly, as it is not to pray, not to commune. We want a more spiritual ministry of alms-giving.

The support of our Candidates for the Holy Ministry will require, for [illegible] October 1, 1877, $500. One-half of this sum must be

raised in the Diocese. The Local Secretary for the Society has been diligent in reminding the Clergy of our obligations, but so far little has been received. Although this year the obligation is not mine, I cannot let it be dishonored.

I recommend that the Treasurer of this Convention, or of the Board of Missions, should be charged with the duty of receiving and transmitting to the proper treasuries all contributions in the Diocese for "outside objects." Collections are made for nine or ten different objects, each having its own Treasurer. The General Board of Missions has four Treasurers. Consequently, mistakes are made, even by the Clergy, and money will take a wrong direction. A single Treasurer will simplify the matter, will save trouble to the Societies, and, by his publishing in OUR DIOCESES, a monthly statement, and presenting an annual statement to the Convention, the Diocese will be informed what is given to each object. This system has existed in the Diocese of Western New York for forty years, and has proved so satisfactory that it was adopted by the Diocese of Central New York on the division. This plan may be regarded as tentative, and be adopted for the coming year by resolution.

WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN.

I have reserved one topic for fuller notice. I should not approach it, were it not called out by the interests of the Diocese—it is the practical difficulties connected with the relation of Wardens and Vestrymen to our Parishes.

Wardens and Vestrymen are borrowed from our Mother Church; though so far as the latter, we have made the law of all Parishes, what in England belongs only to a part. These officers are incorporated in the newer, the American, pages of our Prayer Book.

That there are great difficulties inherent in the system, we are every year proving more and more, and the day must come when essential modifications shall be introduced. Our Parishes are under a law which in some features is in antagonism with first principles of our Polity. Yet our practical difficulties are not the "offences that must needs come." I speak simply from my own experience. Whether it be the idea, that Wardens and Vestrymen are fully competent in civil and ecclesiastical law to manage the whole Parish life, or whether it be ignorance of the genius and details of both; I find it commonly, though in the very purity of intention, impossible to care for a Parish through its officers. Even the Canonical notices of Clerical resignation and settlement are rarely transmitted until sought for; correspondence is often attempted in vain;

and that chief interest of a Parish, the selection of a spiritual head, in which certainly no one should be more interested, to say the least, than the Pastor of all the Churches, is begun and ended without a word of friendly conference.

There are even graver evils. A Clergyman is called without adequate provision being made for a pledged salary, and yet an empty treasury is considered sufficient answer to what is virtually a petition for bread, or even a summary dismissal is made a just release from the contract. The matter of provision for public worship is made nobody's duty, and the Rector must be his own sexton, I have even known, carrying wood from his own pile. Collections made for specific charities are thrown into a common treasury, and there delayed, or diverted to Parochial objects, or even offerings which the Minister is bound to receive are forbidden; the people thus deprived of their sacred privilege, on the ground of interference with the ordinary support. Churches are kept vacant to their permanent injury, through a wretched parsimony, or indifference to their welfare, and this in face of remonstrance and suggestion.

I do not say this is characteristic of all Vestries. There are Vestries in this Diocese whom it is a pleasure for a Bishop or a Clergyman to associate with—true Christian gentlemen, who, while they properly claim all the prerogatives of their office, are equally mindful of Canonical law, and respect the rights and comfort of their Rector.

Now, what is the remedy for the admitted evils? Not denunciation of the whole system, nor denial of those rights which the law of the land and the Church have conferred. Such denunciation as long as our Prayer Book and Canons are unaltered, is not loyalty to the Church. The Rector who wilfully places himself in antagonism to his Vestry, has opened the door for speedy Clerical change.

The Easter election must be guarded. Men are kept in this even sacred trust who are utterly without interest in the Parish, perhaps not even in any sense Church goers, who know nothing of the principles of the Church; nay, more, men of blemished reputation, sometimes those who have been restless spirits in some body of Christians; selected, perhaps, for their names, to please their families, because of their politics or membership in some fraternity, or their social affinities.

I willingly adopt the language of one of much longer and larger experience in the Episcopate, "A Parish has no right in the sight of God, to put into a vestry any irreligious man; any man whose character is justly reproachable, who is intemperate, a gamester, profane, lascivious, dis-

honest, or under common suspicion of any of these sins; we must go further and say, any man whose Christian principles do not govern his amusements as well as his business, his hours of leisure as well as his hours of strenuous industry, his charities as well as his expenditures, his money when it is made as well as his bargains and methods in making it." I add, if any Parish cannot select such a Vestry as will give it a fair reputation before the community, and work in harmony with its character as a household of faith; the sooner it falls back to the position of a Mission the better.

Again, I am persuaded that a remedy may be found in our Vestries being informed in their relations and duties. Negligence is often the result of ignorance, and so is intrusion. It is the plain duty of a Rector to unfold the office in its qualifications and duties. He need have no more hesitation in this than in defining what is incumbent upon a Communicant. I would suggest, that instead of the hurried meeting of two or three on Easter Monday or Tuesday, a Parish meeting should be held in the Evening of the day, when the Canons of the Church in so far as they have a bearing on this office shall be read, and a business like statement of the financial condition shall be presented.

In what I have said, I hope to be understood as having chiefly in view the interests of our Parishes. Although the Canon (Title I., Canon 14, Sec. IV., [2]) declares, "at every visitation it shall be the duty of the Minister and the Church Wardens or Vestry, to give information to the Bishop of the state of the congregation, under such heads as shall have been committed to them in the notice given as aforesaid;" I much prefer that the faithfulness of the Rector and the diligence of the Church officers should render such investigation unnecessary.

THE DRINKING USAGES OF SOCIETY.

The Church of God is not only fully competent to take in charge all the moral and religious interests of Society, but the prevalence of any form of vice or immorality, is the call on her to special effort to meet the moral disorder. Hence the drinking usages of our Land, with their physical, mental and moral consequences, must touch her heart, and she as the reformer of the world must lift up no uncertain voice, and raise no feeble hand.

Diocesan Conventions have approached the subject of intemperence; one of the Bishops has made it the theme of a Pastoral; a gathering of the Clergy and Laity of another Diocese devoted a day to its discussion; the late Church Congress in Boston placed on its list of topics, "The

Prevention and Cure of Drunkenness," and as the outcome of their t
tion, a Committee have already commenced the publication of a series
tracts, the character of which is pledged in the title of the first, "Te
perate words about Temperance."

No extravagance of a "zeal without knowledge," that attempts a r
formation, the difficulties of which it feelingly portrays, in the strength
human will, with only human machinery; that fails to discriminate l
tween those who have fallen and those who stand upright; that mak
the hero of the man who should go softly in the shame of the past, a
fearfulness for the future; that is in danger of forgetting the graces th
must be added to temperance before there can be the "new man
Christ Jesus;" that will utter a law for all from its own convictions, wi
the penalties of its own intolerance; naught of this kind, however it m
excite our prejudices, may deny that active, painful zeal which an e
in the world, "written within and without lamentations, and mourni
and woe," should awaken.

As to individual restraint and practice, we have been too long in t
school of Christ, not to know "let him that thinketh he standeth ta
heed lest he fall"—that "we that are strong ought to bear the infirmit
of the weak, and not to please ourselves." And is it not the simple d
tate of all this, at least to banish from the common and the festal bo
the cup of trembling, the "wine that is a mocker," the "strong drink
is raging."

And beyond our own habits, shall not an evil so staring us in the
so revolting in daily sights and scenes in our communities, so often
cause of rebuke in our Churches, and that even pierces our souls i
circle of friendship and the sanctity of home; in some form feel the
of our reproof, and know our sympathy and our struggle for its v

CONCLUSION.

It is our pleasure to remember, that while we shall be gathered h
veying the heritage God has given us, and under the guidance of t
Spirit, devising to make strength out of weakness, at least to
foundations upon which those who shall come after us may b
their larger opportunity; seven sister Dioceses are engaged in
task, with no doubt much of our anxious thought and inspiri
and hope.

May the Holy Ghost preside in all our councils. "Peace be
and on us, "and upon the Israel of God."

The following Lists complete the record which I am require
to lay before the Convention:

LAY READERS.

(Holding License till Easter, 1878.)

William J. Stuart, St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, April 27, 1876.

Elijah Keeler, Portland, May 9, 1876.

Charles T. Wood,* Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, June 3, 1876.

Henry F. Ewers, M. D., Grace Church, Union City, June 4, 1876.

Burnett B. Gibson, Grace Church, Ludington, June 11, 1876.

Horace Gates,* Grand Rapids, July 7, 1876.

William W. Taylor,* All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, November 7, 1876.

David M. Bateman, Trinity Church, Three Rivers, January 30, 1877.

Henry C. Matrau, Grace Church, Holland, February 22, 1877.

Alfred B. Taylor, All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, February 22, 1877.

POSTULANTS.

John Frederick Nitschke, of St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo. Admitted June 12, 1875. Kearsarge School, Kingston on Hudson, New York.

Horace Gates, of St. Marks' Church, Grand Rapids. Admitted June 7, 1875. Nashotah Preparatory School.

CANDIDATES.

For Deacon's Orders:

Charles Taylor Wood, of the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall. Admitted August 7, 1873. Racine College, Racine, Wisconsin.

William Heavener Sparling, late an "ordained Minister" in the Methodist "Denomination," of Evart. Admitted June 20, 1876. Ordained Deacon.

For Priest's Orders:

Rev. William Matthias (Deacon). Admitted March 26, 1876.

William Wadsworth Taylor. Admitted September 26, 1876. Divinity School, in Philadelphia, Penn.

Eugene Jeffrey Babcock. Admitted September 26, 1876. General Theological Seminary, New York.

Rev. William H. Sparling (Deacon). Admitted February 15, 1877.

ORDINATIONS.

To the Diaconate:

December 31, 1876, 1st Sunday after Christmas, in St. James' Church, Albion, Mr. William Heavener Sparling, presented by the Rev. G. E. Peters.

*Postulant or Candidate for Orders.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance of the transfer.)

October 23, 1876, the Rev. Minerson Erastus Buck, to Ecclesiastical Authority of Missouri.

April 13, 1877, the Rev. Samuel Earp, to Ecclesiastical Authority of New York.

DIED.

August 5, 1876, the Rev. Luman Foote, Presbyter, aged 82 years.

DEPOSED.

December 1, 1876, in St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, the Rev. Isaiah J. Babcock, Deacon, under Canon VI., Title II.

LETTERS DIMISSORY ACCEPTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance of the transfer.)

December 1, 1876—The Rev. Robert Hitchcock Paine, from Ecclesiastical Authority of Rhode Island, and has become the Rector of St. John's Church, Kalamazoo.

December 20, 1876—The Rev. William Brittain, from Ecclesiastical Authority of Maryland, and has become the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greenville, and is officiating in St. John's Church, Ionia.

April 2, 1877—The Rev. George D. E. Mortimer, from Ecclesiastical Authority of Georgia, and has become the Rector of St. Marks' Church, Grand Rapids.

April 30, 1877—The Rev. Addis E. Bishop, from Ecclesiastical Authority of Indiana, and is officiating in St. Pauls' Church, Mendon.

CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE.

April, 1876.—The Rev. Moseley Morris has ceased to officiate at St. Paul's, Courtland; Christ, Plainfield; and Sand Lake, Cedar Springs and Rockford; retaining the Missions at Coopersville and Newaygo.

April 9, 1876—The Rev. L. L. Rogers has ceased to officiate at Lowell, and has lately resumed services in Trinity, Saranac, after a suspension of eight months.

June 1, 1876—The Rev. William Matthias, Deacon, has taken charge as Missionary of Hersey, Evart and Farwell.

June 7, 1876—The Rev. L. D. Ferguson has resigned St. Paul's Church, Mendon.

June 15, 1876—The Rev. C. A. Foster, LL. D., has removed to Grand Rapids, and acts as Missionary in the vicinity.

July 1, 1876—The Rev. S. H. Woodford, having resigned St. Paul's Church, Greenville, has taken charge of St. Paul's, Muskegon.

October 24, 1876—The Rev. W. H. Knowlton, has ceased to officiate in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids.

December 31, 1876—The Rev. V. Spaulding has resigned Christ Church, St. Joseph.

January 1, 1877—The Rev. A. C. Lewis has resigned his Missionary charge at Traverse City.

January 1, 1877—The Rev. W. H. Sparling, Deacon, is officiating in Grace Church, Traverse City.

February 26, 1877—The Rev. Henry Safford has become the Rector of St. John's, Sturgis, in connection with his former charge, Grace Church, Burr Oak.

March 4, 1877—The Rev. Sidney Beckwith has become Minister in charge of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids.

CORNER STONE LAID.

July 1, 1876—Grace Church, Village of Traverse City.

June 14, 1876—St. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.

CHURCHES CONSECRATED.

November 12, 1876—22d Sunday after Trinity; Grace Church, Village of Traverse City.

December 6, 1876—St. Mark's Church, Paw Paw.

CHAPEL OPENED.

October 22, 1876—St. Barnabas' Chapel, Kalamazoo.

MISSIONS ORGANIZED.

Newaygo—St. Mark's, June 16, 1876.

Manistee—St. Paul's, June 20, 1876.

Evart—St. John's, August 22, 1876.

Hersey—Grace, August 22, 1876.

Eaton Rapids—St. Matthias', August 22, 1876.

Mt. Pleasant—St. John's, October 21, 1876.

Farwell—Trinity, April 23, 1877.

Coopersville—Epiphany, May 5, 1877.

Charlotte—Grace, May 10, 1877.

CONSENT TO CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS.

July 27, 1876—The Rev. Williams Stevens Perry, D. D., Bishop of Iowa.

December 29, 1876—The Rev. C. Clifton Penick, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas.

December 29, 1876—The Rev. S. I. J. Schereshewsky, D. D., Missionary Bishop to Shanghai.

NOTICES OF CLERGY DEPOSED.

(The date given is that of the notice.)

January, 27, 1876—John B. Sage, Deacon, by the Bishop of Indiana. The name was given in my last address as John B. Large.

June 9, 1876—William I. Lynd, by the Missionary Bishop of Colorado. Canon V., Title II.

October 16, 1876—John R. Furey, Deacon, by the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania. Canon V., Title II.

November 23, 1876—William Thomas Campbell, Deacon, by the Bishop of Iowa. Canon V., Title II., Sec. 1.

December 19, 1876—Gideon D. Simmons, Deacon, by the Bishop of Iowa. Canon V., Title II., Sec. 1.

December 26, 1876—I. Godfrey Jones, by the Bishop of Southern Ohio. Canon V., Title II.

January 7, 1877—William Alfred Jenks, by the Bishop of Massachusetts.

January 31, 1877—Robert Trewartha, Deacon, by the Bishop of Iowa. Canon V., Title II., Sec. 1.

February 22, 1877—J. R. Swancoat, Deacon, by the Bishop of Texas. Canon V., Title II., and discretion under Sec. 4.

March 16, 1877—Henry J. Brown, by the Bishop of Texas. Canon V., Title II.

May 4, 1877—John Flanegan, Deacon, by the Bishop of Indiana. Canon V., Title II.

May 14, 1877—Alonzo M. May, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Iowa. Canon V., Title II., Sec. 1.

May 21, 1877—William T. Helm, Presbyter, by the Bishop of North Carolina. Canon V., Title II.

July 10, 1876—The final rejection of the application for Holy Orders, of Alfred B. Lind, by the Assistant Bishop of Kentucky.

FUNDS RECEIVED.

From a Layman of the Diocese, to be used under my direction, $30.00.

From St. Mark's Industrial Band, of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, $30.00.

SERVICES OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE.

June 24-26, 1876—At Racine College, Wisconsin, as a Trustee and Visitor.

September 28–October 18, 1876—At Philadelphia, Penn., the meeting of the Board of Missions, and special meeting of the House of Bishops.

October 25, 1876—Ann Arbor, Diocese of Michigan, a marriage.

February 28, 1877—Preached in St. Paul's Church, Lansing, Michigan.

March 20–23—At Flint, Michigan. Meeting of the Superintendents of the Poor, delivered an address.

PASTORAL LETTERS.

(See Appendix B.)

September 1, 1876—A Prayer for the Diocese.

December 8, 1876—Appeal for Foreign Missions.

May 1, 1877—A collection on Whitsun-day for N. Y. B. and C. P. Society.

SUMMARY.

Baptized (3 adults, 33 infants,)	36
Of these not recorded in Parish Registers, 22 infants.	
Married,	2
Buried,	1
Preached,	144
Addresses delivered not including Confirmation,	53
Children's Services and Addresses,	40
Celebrated the Holy Communion,	56
Confirmed in 26 Parishes, and 10 Missions and 3 other places,	*437
Corner stone laid,	2
Churches Consecrated,	2
Ordained to the Diaconate,	1

*NOTE, BY THE SECRETARY—Two errors occur in a part of the issue of the Journal on pages 62 and 63. Under date of March 19, read "confirmed 3;" and of April 15, read "confirmed 6."

Organized Parishes, visited 30; other places, 36; of these, without regular services, 22; visited twice, 17; three times, 8; four times, 2; five times, 2

Total number of visitations,	113
Clergymen deceased,	1
Clergymen deposed,	1
Clergymen received,	4
Clergymen transferred,	2
Clergymen in the Diocese changing Parishes and resigning Parishes,	3

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

APPENDIX B.

The Bishop's Pastorals.

A PRAYER FOR A BLESSING ON THE DIOCESE.

Suggested for use in private and family devotions, and that may be used in the Church, at the discretion of the Clergy. (Altered from a prayer in Bishop Lee's Manual.)

O Lord, we beseech Thee to bless Thy Church and household in our Diocese.

Grant to our Bishop a holy zeal in Thy service. By diligent discharge of every duty, may he truly profit the Clergy and the people over whom he is placed in Thy name.

Bless all who minister in holy things. May they, declaring all Thy counsel and living to Thy glory, have many souls as their crown of rejoicing.

O thou Lord of the harvest send forth more laborers into the harvest.

Give to our congregations unity, liberality, zeal and holiness. May every Parish look not on its own things alone, but also on the things of others.

Graciously behold the families, the communicants, the children.

Guide and further all who are in special administrations to order our affairs and enlarge our borders.

May we all be joined together in unity of spirit and in the bond of peace that we may be an holy temple acceptable unto Thee.

Through Christ Jesus, the gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls. Amen.

A PLAN OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR FOUR WEEKS, AT NOON-DAY OR SOME OTHER CONVENIENT TIME.

"I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, intercessions, and giving of Thanks, be made for all men."

"At noon-day will I pray, and that instantly, and he shall hear my voice."

First Week—For the Diocese.

Monday—The Bishop.
Tuesday—The Clergy.
Wednesday—The Laity.
Thursday—The Parish and Rector.
Friday—General.
Saturday—The dwelling place.

Second Week—For this Branch of the Holy Catholic Church.

Monday—The Bishops and Clergy.
Tuesday—Candidates for Orders and Increase of the Ministry.
Wednesday—The Laity.
Thursday—Truth, Peace and Zeal in the Church.
Friday—General.
Saturday—The State.

Third Week—For Missions.

Monday—Domestic Missions.
Tuesday—Foreign Missions.
Wednesday—Home Missions to Colored People.
Thursday—Indian Missions.
Friday—General.
Saturday—The Country.

Fourth Week—The Holy Church Throughout all the World.

Monday—Her Fidelity to the Faith.
Tuesday—Her Unity and Peace.
Wednesday—Her Zeal in Good Works.
Thursday—Her Increase in the Earth.
Friday—General.
Saturday—The World.

GEO D. GILLESPIE.
Bishop of Western Michigan.

LETTER OF THE BISHOP OF WESTERN MICHIGAN TO THE SECRETARY AND GENERAL AGENT OF THE FOREIGN COMMITTEE.

Rev. and Dear Mr. Secretary: You ask me to "send you a few appropriate sentences over my own signature, addressed to my Clergy and people."

Say to the Clergy—Your Bishop considers that you stand related to the Directors of our Missionary work in all its departments, very much as you consider that your Vestries stand related to you—you expect the Vestries to sustain you, and you must sustain the Committees and Commissions.

Say to the people—You can all spare something for the Church's work among the heathen. Our Diocese will lose God's blessing if it is not true to the Son of God, "tasting death for every man."

Say to all—Subscribe for the Periodicals of the Board, read them; have a stated time in every week to pray for Missions: give more this year than it is easy for you to give.

If we all do our duty, Western Michigan can give this year $1,500 to Foreign Missions—only an average of fifty cents for every one who says, "We offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy, reasonable and living sacrifice unto Thee."

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

PASTORAL TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY.

DEAR BRETHREN: Since the organization of the Diocese, the N. Y. B. and C. P. Book Society has been most generous to us, supplying 3 costly Desk Bibles, 616 Prayer Books, and 115 Hymnals. Such generosity should have the tangible acknowledgment of collections in our Parishes and Missions, and we can scarcely ask further gifts until we have repaid in part.

I recommend an offering from every Parish and Mission, on Whitsunday, May 20. The offering on this day will be our continued acknowledgment of that Providence which on this day in 1548 gave us our Liturgy, "*By the aid of the Holy Ghost*, with uniform agreement concluded."

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

GRAND RAPIDS, May 1, A. D. 1877.

APPENDIX C.

Parochial Reports.

Digest of the Canons, Title I., Canon 14, Section IV., (3); Canon 17, Section 1, Canons of Western Michigan, VIII.

NOTE—The date annexed to the Parish is that of its Incorporation; that to the Rector's name, of the commencement of his Rectorship.

St. James' Church, Albion, Calhoun County. (1840.)

The Rev. G. E. PETERS, Rector. (1870.)

Frederick Wheelock, C. Howard Daskam, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 10; adults, 8; total 18. Confirmed 3.		
Communicants—Last reported, 66; admitted, 3; died, 1; removed, 7; suspended or dropped, 2; total lost, 10; present number—male, 13; female, 46. Total, - -		59
Marriages, 2; burials, 11.		
Public Services—Sundays, 102; week days, 63. Total, - -		165
Holy Communion—Public, 14.		
Congregation—Families, 66; adults, 165; children, 54. Total, -		219
Catechising—Monthly.		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female 6; total,		10
Pupils, male, 25; female, 67. Total, -		92

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported.)	$ 22 09	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	719 42	
By the Sunday School, for altar cloth and antependia,	50 00	
Leaflets, - - - -	6 10	
Total for Parochial Objects, -		$797 61

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$10 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	3 12	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		13 12

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$2 15	
Foreign Missions,	2 30	
Home Missions for Colored People,	1 89	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	2 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		8 34
Total of Offerings,		$819 07

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $47.20; Pew Rents, 705.77; the Sunday School, 56.10; total 819.07.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $6,000.

Church not free. Whole number of sittings, 250.

In addition to the regular services in this Parish, I have officiated fifteen times, in different school houses, in Sonth Albion. Clarence, Sheridan, Parma, and at Duck Lake. Attended five funerals and baptised two children.

[Bishop's Address, Page 57.]

Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, Allegan County, (1860.)

The Rev. WALTER SCOTT, Rector. (1875.)

Augustus Lilly, Dan J. Arnold, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 18; adults, 8. Total, 26. Confirmed, 8.	
Communicants—Last reported, 72; admitted, 8; received 2. Total added, 10. Died, 3; removed, 5; total lost, 8; present number, male, 26; female, 48; Total,	74
Marriages—2; burials 12.	
Public Services—Sundays, 96; week days. 60. Total.	156
Holy Communion—Public, 14; private, 1.	
Congregation—Families, 46; adults, 121; children, 74. Total,	195
Catechising—Number of times, 30.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 6; female, 8. Total, 14. Pupils, male, 38; female, 46. Total,	84
Average, attendance,	52
Parish Library—Number of Volumes,	25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$1,100 00	
By the Sunday School for Parochial purposes,	40 00	
" " Sunday School purposes,	50 28	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1,190 28

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$30 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	20 12	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	2 85	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	6 00	
" " " St. Mark's Church, Paw Paw,	30 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		88 97

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$11 75	
Foreign Missions,	1 50	
Home Missions for Colored People,	1 25	
Indian Missions,	3 25	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	1 50	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	1 50	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		20 75
Total Offerings,		$1,300 00

Value of Church Property—The Church, $7,000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 168. Church free. Whole number of sittings, 250. Estimated value of Parochial Endowment, $250.

[Bishop's Address, Page 54.]

St. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, Calhoun County. (1842.)

VACANT—REPORTED BY THE WARDENS.

Charles S. Gray and Charles F. Bock, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 1; Adults, 5; Total 6. Confirmed 14.	
Communicants—Last reported, 76; admitted, 14; received, 14; total added, 28; removed, 3; present number,	111
Burials, 1.	
Public Services—Sundays, 8; week day, 5; total, - - -	13
Holy Communion—Public, 6.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 11; total	14
Pupils, male, 44; female 50; total, - -	94
Average attendance, 71, - - - -	71
Parish Library—Number of volumes, - - - -	540

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

For the Sunday School, leaflets - - - - -	$ 14 80	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	120 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	23 91	
Collected on subscription for new Church, -	7,010 00	
By Ladies, for furnishing new Church, - - -	160 44	
By the Sunday School, for chancel window, -	74 96	
Total for Parochial objects, -		$7,404 11

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	$36 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	1 75	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - - -	5 00	
Total for Diocesan objects, -		42 75

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	$25 37	
Foreign Missions, - - - - -	11 83	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, - -	3 05	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, -		40 25
Total of Offerings, - - -		$7,487 11

Value of Church property—The Church and Chapel, $15,000; Rectory, $2,500; other property, $900; total, $18,400.

[Bishop's Address, Pages 50, 55, 62.]

St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, Mecosta County. (1869.)

The Rev. JOSEPH S. LARGE, Rector. (1875.)

Calvin W. Nottingham, John M. Raper, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—3; Confirmed 6.
Communicants—Last reported, 59; admitted, 6; received, 5; Total added, 11; removed, 3; present number, male, 6; female, 61. Total, . . 67
Marriages—8; burials 2.
Public Services—Sundays, 96; week days, 28. Total, . 124
Holy Communion—Public, 13.
Congregation—Families, 75; adults, 146; children, 96. Total, 242
Catechising—Number of times, 12.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 8; total 9
Pupils, male, 26; female, 63. Total, . 89
Average attendance, 58.
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, 150.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported.)	$ 26 50	
For the Sunday School,	5 69	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	1,155 75	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	60 00	
By the Sunday School, for bell,	22 80	
" " For Sunday School,	42 86	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1,313 60

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$8 95	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	5 59	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		14 54

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$10 00	
Foreign Missions,	4 00	
Home Missions for Colored People,	2 50	
Indian Missions,	2 50	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	4 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		23 00
Total of Offerings,		$1,351 14

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $320.76; subscriptions, 769.72; Women's Associations, 195.00; the Sunday School, 65.66; total, $1,351.14.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $6,000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 130; Church not free; whole number of sittings, 210.

[Bishop's Address, Page 58.]

Grace Church, Burr Oak, St. Joseph County. (1868.)

The Rev. HENRY SAFFORD, Rector. (1875.)

William Morris and E. E. Beardsley, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Adults, 3. Confirmed, 5.
Communicants—Last reported, 10; admitted, 1; died, 1; removed, 1; total lost, 2; present number, male, 3; female, 6; total, - - - 9
Burials, 1; public services, 46.
Holy Communion—Public, 5; families, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$55 13	
Total for Parochial objects,		$55 13

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	7 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	57	
Total for Diocesan objects,		7 57
Total of Offerings,		$62 70

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $30.13.

The removal of the present Church building to another and more eligible lot has not as yet been accomplished. Still, we are thinking of making the effort, and with a good prospect of succeeding. Our people are few, and several of them are in embarrassed circumstances. Perhaps there never was a time when so heavy a pressure rested upon them.

Our services are well attended, and the prospects are encouraging. It is the honest opinion of the Rector and Missionary that the field is worthy of careful attention, and deserves the tender nursing of the Church. It is emphatically Missionary ground.

In addition to the work performed in this Parish and at Sturgis, the Missionary has celebrated divine service on eleven different occasions, and buried one communicant of the Church. He has also once administered the Holy Communion.

[Bishop's Address, page 61.]

Grace Mission, Charlotte, Eaton County. (1877.)

The Rev. JOHN L. TAYLOR, Missionary. (1874.)

Mr. H. S. McDonald, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 4; adults, 2. Total,	6
Confirmed—2.	
Communicants—Last reported, 19; admitted, 2; received, 2; total added, 4; died, 1; removed, 2; present number, male, 3; female, 17; total,	20
Burials—1.	
Public Services—Sundays, 92; week days, 18; total,	110
Holy Communion—Public, 12.	
Congregation—Families, 12.	
Catechising—Number of times, 45.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 7; total,	11
Pupils, total,	64
Average attendance,	50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

For the Sunday School,	$18 89	
Salaries and current expenses,	245 00	
Repairs,	10 85	
By the Sunday School for Church furniture,	4 00	
" " Current expenses,	22 84	
Total for Local Objects,		$301 58

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		5 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	1 75	
Foreign Missions,	65	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		3 40
Total of Offerings,		$309 98

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, Envelope System and Subscriptions, $272.93; Women's Associations, 42.06; the Sunday School, 26.84; total, $341.83.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $800.00; other property, 300. Total, $1,100.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 33; Church free; number of sittings, 120.

[Bishop's Address, pages 50, 59.]

St. Mark's Church, Coldwater, Branch County. (1848.)

The Rev. HERBERT J. COOK, Rector. (1875.)

Noah P. Loveridge, Devereaux S. Harrington, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 1; total,	4
Confirmed, 7.	
Communicants—Last reported, 140; admitted, 5; received, 15; total added, 20; died, 4; removed, 17; suspended or dropped, 8; total lost, 29; present number, male, 27; female, 104; total,	131
Marriages, 5; burials, 10.	
Public Services—Sundays, 97; week days, 116; total,	213
Holy Communion—Public, 26.	

Congregation—Families, 96; adults, 205; children, 100; total,	305
Catechising—Number of times, 40.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 10; total,	12
Pupils, male, 30; female, 35; total,	65
Average attendance,	42
Parish Library—Number of volumes,	507

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported),	$ 81 06	
For the Sunday School,	7 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,244 06	
The increase and improvement of Church property, Chapel,	1,565 93	
By the Sunday School, for Chapel,	45 45	
Total for Parochial objects,		$2,943 50

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, Parish,	$60 00	
" " two individuals,	25 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	26 04	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	8 88	
General Missionary, (individual),	5 00	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	10 00	
Total for Diocesan objects,		$134 92

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	27 69	
Foreign Missions,	7 00	
Home Missions for Colored People,	6 25	
Indian Missions,	5 69	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	11 58	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,		$58 21
Total of Offerings,		$3,136 63

Value of Church property—The Church, $2,000; Chapel, 2,000; other property, 3,000; total, $7,000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 225; Church not free; whole number of sittings, 408; number of free sittings, 75; amount of indebtedness on Church property, $1,278.69.

[Bishop's Address, pages 57, 63.]

Epiphany Mission, Coopersville, Ottawa County. (1877.)

The Rev. MOSELEY MORRIS, Missionary. (1874.)

H. C. Durphy, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3. Confirmed, 7.	
Communicants—Last reported, 11; admitted, 7; present number, male, 6; female, 12; Total,	18
Marriages—1.	
Public Services—Sundays, 55; week days, 10. Total,	65
Holy Communion—Public, 4.	
Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 20; children, 25. Total,	45
Catechising—Number of times, 26.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 5. Total, 7. Pupils, male, 5; female, 25. Total,	30
Average attendance,	18

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and current expenses,	$30 00	
Total for Local Objects,		$30 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, pledged, $5; raised,	$6 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	2 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		8 50

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 83	
Foreign Missions,	2 64	
Home Missions for Colored People,	1 63	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		6 10
Total Offerings,		$44 60

Services at the Poor House, 4.

[Bishop's Address, Pages 58, 65.]

St. Matthias' Mission, Eaton Rapids, Eaton County. (1876.)

The Rev. JOHN L. TAYLOR, Missionary. (1874.)

Mr. R. S. Fuller, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 1.	
Communicants—Last reported, 17; received, 3; removed, 3; suspended or dropped, 3; total lost, 6; present number, male, 2; female, 12; total,	14

Marriages, 2; burials, 4.
Public Services—Sundays, 49; week days, 70; total, - - - 119
Holy Communion—Public, 10.
Congregation—Families, 13.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 4; total 7
Pupils, male, 7; female 10; total, - - 17
Average attendance, - - - - 18

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

For the Sunday School, - - - - - -	$ 1 73	
Salaries and current expenses, - - - - -	346 38	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	99 00	
Debts, - - - - - - - - - -	50 00	
By the Sunday School, for Church furniture, -	2 50	
" " Baptismal Bowl,- - - -	6 00	
" " Expenses, - - - - -	10 70	
Total for Local Objects, - -		$516 31

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$10 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - - -	4 00	
Total for Diocesan objects, -		14 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	$2 00	
Foreign Missions, - - - -	1 60	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, -		3 60
Total of Offerings, - - -		$533 91

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, Envelope System and Subscriptions, $342.88; Women's Associations, 161.83; the Sunday School, 29.20; total, $533.91.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $1,700; other property, $300; total, $2,000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 30. Church free. Number of sittings, 150. Amount of indebtedness on Church property, $55.

[Bishop's Address, page 59.]

St. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, Antrim County. (1871.)

The Rev. ALBERT C. LEWIS, Rector. (1869.)

James Cullyford, Edwin S. Noble, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 11; adults, 3; total, . . . 14

Confirmed 8.
Communicants—Last reported, 36; admitted, 6; received, 3; Total added, 9; removed, 3; present number, male, 13; female, 29. Total, . . 42
Marriages, 5; burials 3.
Public Services—Sundays, 81; week days, 41. Total, . 122
Holy Communion—Public, 17.
Congregation—Families, 34; adults, 85; children, 66. Total, 151
Catechising—Number of times, 16.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 4; total 5
Pupils, male, 24; female, 38; total, . 62
Average attendance, 45.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported.)	$ 13 54	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	700 00	
Ladies' Guild, ...	121 57	
By the Sunday School, for papers, . .	14 93	
Total for Parochial Objects, .		$850

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, ...	$37 00	
Assessment of the Convention, . .	12 75	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., . .	9 00	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions, .	15 00	
By myself " " " .	8 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects, . .		$82 25

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, ...	$ 3 00	
Nashotah Theological School, . . .	10 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		13 00
Total of Offerings, . .		$945 29

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 141.

Sunday services—At Traverse, 18; on Steamer City of Traverse, 1; Iron Works, Elk Rapids, 5; Sour's School House, 6. Raised $915 on Chapel. More hopeful.

[Bishop's Address, Pages 52, 64.]

St. John's Mission, Evart, Osceola County. (1876.)

The Rev. Wm. Matthias, Deacon, Missionary. (1876.)

Robert Dermont, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 7; adults, 2; total 9. Confirmed 2.
Communicants—admitted, 2; received, 16; total added 18; removed, 4; total lost, 4; present number, male, 5; female, 9. Total, - - - 14
Burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 33; week days, 12. Total, - - 45
Holy Communion—Public, 2.
Congregation—Families, 8; adults, and children, 32.
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, - - - 25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and current expenses, - -	132 88	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	27 56	
Total for Local Objects, -		$160 44

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$2 44	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		2 44

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	$ 57	
Foreign Missions, - - - - - -	60	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, - -	40	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		1 57
Total of Offerings, - - -		$164 45

The sources of the contributions reported above are—Woman's Associations, $30.40.

Value of Church Property—$27.56.

Number of baptized persons in the Mission, 22.

[Bishop's Address, Pages 52, 63,.]

Trinity Mission, Farwell, Clare County. (1877.)

The Rev. Wm. Matthias, Deacon, Missionary, (1876.)

Emmit T. Holcomb, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 9.		
Communicants—Admitted, 2: received, 6; total added, 8; present number, male, 2; female, 6; total,		8
Public Services,—Sundays, 30; week days, 11; total - -		41
Holy Communion—Public, 2.		
Congregation—Families, 6; adults and children, total, -		21
Catechising—Number of times, 5.		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 3; total		6
Pupils—Male, 10; female, 12; total, -		22
Average attendance, - - -		20

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported)	$ 17 26	
Salaries and current expenses, - - -	125 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School and Mission,	24 80	
By Busy Workers for the Mission, - - -	43 43	
By the Ladies' Guild, for the Mission, - -	26 50	
Total for Local Objects, - - -		$236 99

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - -	$ .83	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		$ .83

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	$ 1 55	
Foreign Missions, - - - -	1 08	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, - -	1 00	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, -		$3 63
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$241 45

Number of baptized persons in the Mission, 11.

The Sunday School and Busy Workers have purchased a new organ for $30.00 worth $100.

[Bishop's Address, pages 52, 63.]

St. John's Church, Grand Haven, Ottawa County. (1866.)

The Rev. Wm. Stowe, Rector. (1874.)

Thomas Friant, S. C. Mower, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 11. Confirmed, 1.

Communicants—Last reported, 90; admitted 1; received 1; total added, 2; died, 2; removed, 4; suspended or dropped, 26; total lost, 32; present number, male, 15; female, 45; total, . . 60

Marriages, 1; burials, 3.

Public Services—Sundays, 110; week days, 90; total, . 200

Holy Communion—Public, 17.

Congregation—Families, 35; adults, 85; children, 93; total, 178

Catechising—Monthly.

Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 8; total 10; pupils, male, 23; female, 45; total, . 68

Average attendance, . . . 35

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported),	$15 22	
Salaries and other expenses of Parish maintenance,	750 00	
Interest of mortgage on Rectory, . .	125 00	
Paid on floating debt of Parish, . . .	387 29	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School purposes,	22 61	
Total for Parochial Objects, . .		1,300 12

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, ...	5 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., ...	5 30	
Convocation, ...	10 69	
Total for Diocesan Objects, . .		20 99

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, ...	3 55	
Home Missions for Colored People, . . .	2 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		5 55
Total of Offerings, .		$1,326 66

The sources of the Contributions above reported are—The Offertory, $147.74; Subscriptions, 642.52; Women's Associations, 513,79; the Sunday School, 22.61; total, $1,326.66.

Value of Church Property—The Church, 6,000; Rectory, 1,800; total, 7,800.

Number of persons in the Parish, 231; Church free. Number of sittings, 170; amount of indebtedness on Church property, $1,123.

(Bishop's Address, pages 53, 59, 61.)

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1874.)

The Rev. SIDNEY BECKWITH, Minister in Charge. (1877.)

B. H. Babcock, William Coxe, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 6. Confirmed, 7.
Communicants—Last reported, 41; present number, 41.
Burials—1.
Public Services—Sundays, 52; week days, 30. Total, - - 82
Holy Communion—Public, 12.
Congregation—Families, 33; adults, 67; children, 75. Total, 142
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 6; female, 11. Total, 17. Pupils, male, 73; female, 103. Total, 176. Average attendance, . . 96

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported),	$ 11 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	294 23	
By the Sunday School, for S. S. expenses, - -	41 23	
Total for Local Objects, . .		$346 46

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

By the Sunday School, for General Missionary, .	$10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, . .		10 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, Mite Chests, . - .	$14 27	
Foreign Missions, ...	7 10	
Box for Missionary by Woman's Auxiliary, . .	70 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		91 37
Total Offerings,		$447 83

Number of Baptized Persons in the Parish, 75; Church free; Number of Sittings, 120.

[Bishop's Address, Pages 53, 57, 60.]

Grace Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1875.)

The Rev. W. H. KNOWLTON, Rector. (1875.)

T. I. Tanner, Jr., C. B. Mosher, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 6; adults, 4; total, . . . 10
Confirmed 6.
Communicants—Last reported, 51; admitted, 11; received, 21; Total added, 32; removed, 3; suspended or dropped, 1; present number, male, 26; female, 53. Total, ... 79

Marriages, 3; burials 2.
Public Services—Sundays, 110; week days, 100. Total, . 210
Holy Communion—Public, 24; private, 2.
Congregation—Grace Church Parish is yet in such formative state that I cannot get at even an approximation for report. W. H. K.
Catechising—Number of times, 24.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 5; female, 9; total 14
Pupils, male, 60; female, 55; total, . 115
Average attendance, 80.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported.)	$ 12 00	
For the Sunday School, . . .	30 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	991 88	
The Increase and Improvement of Church property,	45 00	
Harvest Home and Thanksgiving Offerings, .	12 00	
By the Sunday School, for running expenses, .	31 80	
By the Sunday School, for Hymnals, .	20 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, .		$1,142 68

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, ...	$37 00	
Assessment of the Convention, . .	6 76	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., . .	3 35	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions, .	19 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, . .		$66 11

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, . . .	$ 17 85	
Foreign Missions, ...	1 25	
Faribault Theological School, . .	6 75	
Society for the conversion of the Jews, .	1 50	
Deaf Mute Mission, . .	5 00	
By the Sunday School, for Faribault, .	5 75	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		38 10
Total of Offerings, . .		$1.246 89

Value of Church Property—Two hundred dollars.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 150; Church free; number of sitttngs, 150; estimated value of Parochial Endowment, $200.

[Bishop's Address, Pages 50, 53, 60.]

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St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1836.)

The Rev. Geo. D. E. Mortimer, Rector. (1877.)

Dr. Alonzo Platt and Mr. Alfred X. Cary, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 26; adults, 3. Total, 29.
Confirmed, 12.
Communicants—Last reported, 624; total lost, 49; total, . 575
Note—This is the total number reported to me by the late Rector, G. D. E. Mortimer.
Marriages, 17; burials, 28.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 23; total, 26
Pupils, male, 80; female 113; total, - - 193
Average attendance, - - - - 152
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 100.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 258 38	
For the Sunday School, - - - - - -	48 80	
St. Mark's Home and Hospital, - - -	308 88	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - - -	6,223 36	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	180 57	
Interest on Debt, - - - - -	2,531 80	
Reduction of Debt, - - - - -	7,650 00	
By the Sunday School, for Expenses, - - -	25 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$17,226 79

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$566 96	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	108 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - - -	33 69	
By "St. Mark's Industrial Band," for various charities,	90 00	
Total for Diocesan objects, - -		798 65

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	$166 68	
Foreign Missions, - - - - -	41 14	
Home Missions for Colored People, - -	26 39	
Indian Missions, - - - - -	29 36	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, -	109 96	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, -	21 23	
By "St. Mark's Industrial Band," for sundry objects,	63 00	
By Woman's Association, St. Mark's Church, -	59 07	
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions -	35 56	
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions, -	40 00	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, -		592 39
Total of Offerings, - - -		$18,617 83

Value of Church Property—The Church and Chapel, $75,000; Rectory, $10,000; other property, $10,000; total, $95,000.
Church not free. Number of Sittings, 800. Amount of Indebtedness on Church Property, $20,000.

[Bishop's Address, pages 50, 51, 55, 56, 58, 60, 62.]

St. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1871.)

The Rev. SIDNEY BECKWITH, Rector. (1870.)

John Baldwin Folger, William Frederick Walker, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 15; adults, 8; total,	23
Confirmed, 5.	
Communicants—Last reported, 92; admitted, 3; received, 4; total added, 7; died, 3; removed, 10; total lost, 13; present number, male, 20; female, 66; total,	86
Marriages, 6; burials, 6.	
Public Services—Sundays, 100; week days, 50; total,	150
Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 1.	
Congregation—Families, 70; adults, 200; children, 120; total,	320
Catechising—Frequently.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 8; total,	12
Pupils, male, 30; female, 55; total,	85
Parish Library—Number of volumes,	150

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported),	$ 20 00	
For the Sunday School,	20 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	980 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School purposes,	45 00	
Total for Parochial objects,		$1,065 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$25 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	17 88	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	1 00	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	10 00	
Total for Diocesan objects,		56 88

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	14 56	
Foreign Missions,	4 00	
Home Missions for Colored People,	2 00	
Indian Missions,	2 00	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,		$22 56
Total of Offerings,		$1,144 44

Value of Church property—The Church, $6,000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 200; Church free; number of sittings, 260.

[Bishop's Address, pages 57, 58, 60, 65.]

St. Paul's Church, Greenville, Montcalm County. (1872.)

The Rev. WILLIAM BRITTAIN, Rector. (1876.)

John Avery, C. Jesse Church, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 4; total 6. Confirmed 4.	
Communicants—Last reported, 31; admitted, 2; present number,	33
Marriages, 1.	
Public Services—Sundays, 16; week days, 8. Total,	24
Holy Communion—Public, 4.	
Congregation—Families, 25; adults, 70; children, 30; total,	100
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 5; total, 8; pupils, male, 13; female, 20; total,	33

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	147 06	
Total for Parochial Objects,		147 06
Total of Offerings,		$147 06

Value of Church Property—$3,800.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 100. Church free. Number of sittings, 150.

On the 12th November last I held first services in Greenville. After Evening Prayer, a committee from the Vestry waited on me and invited me to take charge of the Parish, as its Rector, at a salary of $400.00 per annum, provided the Parish at Ionia would unite with them in secur-

ing my services. On the following Sunday I officiated in Ionia, when the proposition from Greenville was communicated to St. John's, Ionia. A quorum of the Vestry not being present, a formal call could not be extended; but the members who were present consented to have the services resumed, to be supported exclusively by the offerings, as they were not prepared with any subscription list. I accepted the united charge, and since then I have held services in each place on every alternate Sunday, taking up my residence in Greenville. I have also held services on every Wednesday in Ionia, and in Greenville every Friday evening during Lent. The work in Greenville was going on very encouragingly until 24th of April, when the Vestry passed a resolution requesting the Rector to resign, giving as a reason that they could not raise his salary. Copy of said resolution was forwarded by me to the Bishop, with a request for his Godly counsel in the matter. I have not yet resigned the Parish, but I have changed my residence from Greenville to Ionia.

In Ionia, which at first was the more discouraging field, the work is now very encouraging. I hope by taking up my residence here the Church will grow day by day. The out-look is very fair and the services very highly appreciated—always a full attendance.

As I am under no salary in Ionia, I will state to the Bishop that the whole amount of offerings from Sunday, 19th November, 1876, to the close of last quarter, is $148.85.

From Greenville Parish I have received $147.06, besides which I was supplied with wood by the Treasurer, which will almost cover the salary to the 1st of May.

I will continue the services in Greenville until I see my way clear to give my whole time to Ionia.

[Bishop's Address, Pages 52, 61.]

Emmanuel Church, Hastings, Barry County. (1863.)

The Rev. Joseph Webb Bancroft, Rector. (1865.)

The Rev. Arthur Herbert Locke, of the Diocese of Maine, officiating from Dec. 11, to May 14.

Henry A. Goodyear, David G. Robinson, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 13; adults, 10. Total, . . . 23

Confirmed—13.

Communicants—Last reported, 66; admitted, 10; received, 2; total added, 12; died, 2; removed, 2; total lost, 4; present number, male, 11; female, 63; total, ... 74

Marriages—4; Burials, 11.
Public Services—Sundays, 82; week days, 59; total, . 141
Holy Communion—Public, 10; private, 2.
Congregation—Families, 40; adults, 96; children, 58; total, 154
Catechising—Every Sunday.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 10; total, 12
Pupils, male, 36; female, 41; total, . 77
Average attendance, ... 60
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, - - - 50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported,)	11 97	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	986 41	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	85 00	
By the Sunday School for Current expenses, .	25 99	
Total for Parochial Objects, .		$1,109 37

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, ...	60 00	
Assessment of the Convention, . .	19 05	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c. . . .	6 65	
Church Building, St. Mark's, Paw Paw, . .	15 00	
By the Women's Missionary Association:		
One box clothing to the Rev. W. Matthias, valued,	55 38	
" " " " W. H. Sparling, "	56 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, . .		212 08

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, ...	11 10	
Foreign Missions, ...	4 08	
Home Missions for Colored People, . . .	4 68	
Indian Missions, ...	3 50	
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions, .	2 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		25 36
Total of Offerings, . .		$1,346 81

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $149.50; Envelope System, 709.22; Individual Gifts, 122.88; Women's Associations, 317.25; balance from last year, 19.97; the whole amount from the Sunday School, 27.99; total, $1,346.81.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $3,000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 152; Church free; number of sittings, 160.

While in California, I preached twelve times in seven of the Parishes in San Francisco, ten times in Woodland, and once or twice in each of

the following, to wit: Sacramento, Marysville, Knight's Landing, Oakland, Los Angeles, San Mateo, and Belmont, and took part in the Service on seventeen other occasions. Total, 49. I am happy to add that our Sunday School was never more prosperous than now, a fact owing, no doubt, to the greater laboriousness and regularity of the teachers, to which they were prompted by an increased sense of responsibility, on account of my absence. Thus I have satisfaction in thinking that my absence of seven months has not only afforded me great benefit, but been also of advantage to the Parish in developing efficiently its latent capacity for Parochial work.

[Bishop's Address, pages 51, 53, 55, 58.]

Grace Mission, Hersey, Osceola County. (1876.)

The Rev. Wm. Matthias, Deacon, Missionary. (1876.)

Moses B. Houghton, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 8.		
Confirmed, 2.		
Communicants—Admitted, 2; received, 3; total added 5; removed, 2; present number male, 2; female, 7; total, - - - - - -		9
Public Services,—Sundays, 26; week days, 1; total, -		27
Holy Communion—Public, 2.		
Congregation—Families, 6; adults and children,; total, -		23

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and current expenses, - - -	96 81	
Total for Local Objects, - - -		$96 81

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - -	$1 71	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		$1 71

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - - -	$ 69	
Foreign Missions, - - - - - -	2 09	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, - -	1 60	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, -		$4 38
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$102 90

Number of baptized persons in the Mission, 17.

[Bishop's Address, pages 52, 63.]

Grace Church, Holland, County of Ottawa. (1867.)

The Rev. J. Rice Taylor, Rector. (1868.)

Hon. John Roost, Mr. Henry C. Matrau, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 7; adults, 4; total, - - -
Confirmed—10.
Communicants—Last reported, 26; admitted, 11; received, 1; total added, 12; removed, 5; suspended or dropped, 6; total lost, 11; present number male, 4; female, 23; total, - - -
Public Services—Sundays, 42; week days, 3; total, - -
Holy Communion—Public, 5.
Congregation—Families, 20; adults, 29; children, 36; total, -
Chatechising—Number of times, 5.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 4; total, 6; pupils, male, 23; female, 26; total, -
Average attendance, - - - -

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$181 80	
By the Sunday School, for papers, - -	10 00	
Total for Parochial objects, - -		$191 80

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$8 68	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	2 53	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - - -	2 00	
Total for Diocesan objects, - - -		$13 21

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	$4 58	
Foreign Missions, - - - - -	2 00	
By the Sunday School, Centennial offering, -	2 00	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, -		$8 58
Total of Offerings, - - -		$213 59

Value of Church Property—The Church, $5,000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 69. Church free. Number of sittings, 200. Indebtedness on Church property, $600, more or less.

During the year past some valuable additions have been made to the members of our Communion. More than usual interest has been manifest in our Services and in the Sunday School. For the past two or three months Mr. H. C. Matrau, in the morning on alternate Sundays, has kindly acted as Lay Reader with always a goodly number in attendance. There are tokens, I think, which indicate better things and

more prosperous days to come for this Parish. The Missionary has been at times somewhat cast down by untoward events and ugly circumstances, but never discouraged. Our help is in the name of the Lord, while we still remain in degree prisoners of hope.

(Bishop's Address, pages 53, 61.)

Christ's Church, Homer, Calhoun County. (1840.)

The Rev. L. H. Corson, Officiating.

J. N. Westcott, Cyrus Smith, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 23; received, 5; removed, 3; present number, male, 10; female, 15; total, 25

Public Services—Sundays, 29; week days, 1. Total, - - 30

Holy Communion—Public, 9; private, 1.

Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 25; children, 7; total, 32

Catechising—Number of times, 16.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	121 28	
Total for Parochial Objects, -		121 28

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention, - - -	2 87	
Total for Diocesan objects, - - -		2 87

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	4 25	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		4 25
Total of Offerings, - - -		$128 40

Value of Church Property—$3,500.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 32. Church free. Number of sittings, 140.

The Congregation consists of 5 families and 10 parts, ditto, and not much wealth in the whole families; but it is mostly in the parts of families, which is very inconvenient for raising funds for Church purposes.

[Bishop's Address, Page 59.]

St. John's Church, Ionia, Ionia County. (1848.)

The Rev. WILLIAM BRITTAIN, Missionary. (1876.)

Joseph Lindley, John M. Young, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3. Confirmed, 5.
Communicants—Last reported, 93; present number, 30.
Marriages, 1; burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 14; week days, 20; total, - - 34
Holy Communion—Public, 6; private, 1.
Catechising—Number of times, 7.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 5; total, - - - - - 7
Pupils, male, 14; female, 26; total, - 40
Average attendance, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	148 85	
Total of Offerings, - -		$148 85

Value of Church property—The Church, $2,000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 200; Church free; number of sittings, 160.

[Bishop's Address, pages 53, 62.]

St. John's Church, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County. (1860.)

The Rev. ROBERT HITCHCOCK PAINE, Rector. (1876.)

John McKee, Joseph Lomax, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 3; total, . . . 8
Confirmed, 19.
Communicants—Present number, male, 22; female, 66; total, 88
Marriages, 1; burials, 3.
Public Services—Sundays, 60; week days, 83; total, . . 143
Holy Communion—Public, 23.
Congregation—Families, 60; adults and children, 275.
Catechising—Number of times, 19.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 9; total 12; pupils, total, . . . 55
Average attendance, 35.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported.)	$ 39 13	
For interest on mortgage note (Parsonage), .	250 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	705 22	
By the Sunday School, for books, bell, etc., .	31 48	
Total for Parochial Objects, .		$1,025 83

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$10 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	11 35	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	9 56	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$30 91

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 16 27	
Foreign Missions,	9 28	
Home Missions for Colored People,	7 32	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	9 70	
Nashotah Theological School,	9 50	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	12 00	
Missionary Bishops' Work,	6 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		70 07
Total of Offerings,		$1.126 81

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $439.34; Subscriptions, 384.57; Individual gifts, 21.32; Woman's Association, 250.10; the Sunday School, 31.48; total, $1,126.81.

Value of Church Property—$8,000; Rectory, 4,000; total, $12.000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 210; Church free; number of sittings, 400; amount of indebtedness, $2,500, on Rectory.

Occasional services have been held at the County Jail and County Poor House.

This report is mainly from December 17th, A. D. 1876, when the charge of the Parish was assumed by the present Rector.

[Bishop's Address, Page 64.]

St. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County. (1838.)

The Rev. JAMES F. CONOVER, Rector. (1872.)

Theodore P. Sheldon, Henry Brees, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 30; adults, 1. Total, 31.

Confirmed, 20.

Communicants—Last reported, 187; admitted, 20; received, 13; total added, 33; died, 1; removed, 23; suspended or dropped, 7; total lost, 31; present number, male, 43; female, 146; total, . 189

Marriages, 5; burials, 8.

Public Services—Sundays, 133; week days, 156; total, . 289

Holy Communion—Public, 23; private, 1.

Congregation—Families, 98; adults, 288; children, 105; total, 393

Catechising—Number of times, 13.

Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 10; total, 14
Pupils, male, 35; female 49; total, - - 84
Average attendance, - - - - 63

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 124 45	
Easter and Christmas Decorations, -	38 60	
Collections not otherwise reported, - -	180 34	
St. Barnabas' Sunday School, for bell, - -	10 05	
Rent of Rectory, - - - - -	500 00	
By Ladies' Societies, - - - - -	141 94	
Special for Parish debt, - - - -	1,013 85	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - -	2,262 97	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	1,361 75	
Expenses, St. Barnabas' Chapel, - -	72 71	
By the Sunday School, for objects within the Parish, $104 20.		
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$5,706 66

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - -	$365 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	54 53	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	18 38	
Church Buildings, Rectories, &c., - -	205 00	
Relief of Poor, - - - -	22 01	
Total for Diocesan objects, - -		664 92

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - -	$251 28	
Foreign Missions, - - - -	70 44	
Home Missions for Colored People, - -	15 93	
Indian Missions, - - - -	15 90	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, -	11 93	
Nashotah Theological School, - - -	46 72	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, -	11 68	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews, -	6 18	
Nebraska Divinity School, - - -	44 00	
(By the Ladies of the Parish for the above objects, $117; by the Sunday School for the above objects, $40.)		
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, -		474 06
Total of Offerings, - - -		$6,845 64

The sources of the Contributions above reported are—The Offertory, $1,217.63; pew rents, 1,884.53; Subscriptions, 3,131.54; individual gifts, 156.82; Women's Associations, 271.51; the Sunday School, 183.61; total, $6,845 64.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $10,000; Chapel and School House, 1,401.75; Rectory, $6,000; other property, $500; total, $17,901.75.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 315; Church not free; Whole number of sittings, 450; number of free Sittings, 150; amount of indebtedness on Church Property, $2,500 on Rectory.

The principal event in the history of the Parish the past year is the building of St. Barnabas' Chapel and the work in connection with it. The Chapel cost complete, land, building and furnishing, $1,401.75, and will seat 150 persons. It was opened for Public Worship, October 22, 1876, by the Bishop of the Diocese. A Sunday School, which now numbers 102, and has an average attendance of 68, was organized the next Sunday. Regular afternoon services, (Evening Prayer and Sermon,) were begun on that day, and have been continued ever since, with a growing attendance and interest. With the beginning of Lent, a Service on Tuesday evening, a Mother's Meeting on Wednesday, and a Sewing School on Saturday afternoons, were commenced and have been successfully maintained. Those interested in them are urgent that they be not given up. The Chapel is about a mile and a half from St. Luke's Church, in a section of the village wholly unprovided with a house for Christian worship. The Chapel is complete in every particular and free from debt. During the past year the Parish has paid off all its floating indebtedness, amounting to $1,013.85. Until the opening of St. Barnabas' Chapel, the Rector of St. Luke's held regular Monthly Service at the County Poor House, nine miles distant. In entering upon the sixth year of his service in the Parish, the Rector would record his gratitude to GOD for the blessings of the past and the hope which they inspire for the future.

[Bishop's Address, pages 54, 62.]

Grace Church, Ludington, Mason County. (1873.)

The Rev. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Missionary. (1873.)

John W. Loomis, Clayton F. Collins, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 13; adults, 3. Total,	16
Confirmed—4.	
Communicants—Last reported, 33; admitted, 5; received, 2; total added, 7; removed, 2; suspended, 5; total lost, 7; present number, male, 9; female, 24; total,	33
Marriages—1; Burials, 6.	
Public Services—Sundays, 90; week days, 63; total,	153
Holy Communion—Public, 12.	
Congregation—Families, 20; adults, 52; children, 37; total,	89

Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 5; total, 6
Pupils, male, 19; female, 23; total, 42
Average attendance, 30

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported,)	6 11	
Salary,	192 11	
Incidentals,	46 44	
Bell,	114 00	
Repairs on Parsonage,	20 00	
By the Sunday School, for singing books	3 60	
By the Sunday School, for altar cloth,	10 00	
By the Sunday School, for Christian Soldier,	10 00	
By the Sunday School, for leaflets,	3 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$405 26

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	20 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	4 05	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$24 05

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	4 27	
Foreign Missions,	3 63	
Home Missions for Colored People,	1 50	
Indian Missions,	1 50	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	3 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		13 90
Total of Offerings,		$443 21

Value of Church Property—The Church, $2,000; Rectory, 1,000; total, $3,000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 73; Church free; number of sittings, 150.

(Bishop's Address, page 57.)

St. Paul's Mission, Manistee, Manistee County. (1876.)

Reported by E. C. Lewis, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 11; adults, 1. Total, 12. Confirmed, 10.
Communicants—Present number, 35.
Public Services—Total, 12.
Holy Communion—Public, 3.
Congregation—Families, 40.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 6. Total, 8. Pupils, male, 15; female, 15. Total, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

For the Sunday School,	$ 83 63	
Incidental expenses,	112 00	
Organ fund.	20 53	
Total for Local Objects,		$216 16

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		10 00
Total of Offerings,		$226 16

Amount pledged for the support of a Missionary, (if we can get one,) $400.

[Bishop's Address, Pages 50, 57.]

Trinity Church, Marshall, Calhoun County. (1836.)

The Rev. H. B. WHITTEMORE, Rector. (1874.)

J. H. Montgomery, M. D., C. P. Dibble, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptised—Infants, 10; adults, 5; total,	15
Confirmed, 17.	
Communicants—Last reported, 172; admitted 17; received 6; total added, 23; died, 3; removed, 9; total lost, 12; present number, male, 55; female, 128; total,	183
Marriages, 3; burials, 16.	
Public Services—Sundays, 104; week days, 76; total,	180
Holy Communion—Public, 23; private, 20.	
Congregation—Families, 116; adults, 270; children, 120; total,	390
Catechising—Number of times, 30.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 13; total 17; pupils, male, 60; female, 90; total,	150
Average attendance,	90

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported),	$35 00	
For the Sunday School,	51 75	
Salaries and other expenses of Parish maintenance, of which Ladies' Society raised $100.00,	1.710 00	
By Ladies' Society and Young Ladies' Branch Society for poor in Parish,	75 00	
Christmas Decoration,	20 00	
Beginning of Fund for the Improvement of the Chancel,	3 16	
Rectory Fund,	9 20	
By the Sunday School, for its expenses,	43 81	
By the Sunday School, for tuning organ,	10 86	
Total for Parochial Objects,		1,958 78

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	175	00
Assessment of the Convention,	30	97
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	13	35
Box for Missionary by Ladies' Society,	40	00
For Church at Paw Paw by Ladies,	18	50
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	10	00
Total for Diocesan Objects,		2

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	31	78
Foreign Missions,	7	79
Home Missions for Colored People,	4	54
Domestic Missions,	6	32
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	7	43
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	3	72
Young Ladies' Branch Society, box for Freedmen's School at Raleigh, N. C.,	30	00
By the Sunday School, for Nashotah Mission,	9	00
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions,	1	31
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions,	1	31
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		1
Total of Offerings,		$2,3

Value of Church Property—The Church, $20,000; Rectory 1,145.96; other property, 100.00; total, $21,245.96.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 300; Church not Whole number of sittings, 440; number of free sittings, 120.

(Bishop's Address, Pages, 56, 62.)

St. Paul's Church, Mendon, St. Joseph County.. (1867.)

The Rev. A. E. BISHOP, Missionary. (1877.)

D. Van Ness, Julius Anderson, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 4.
Communicants—Last reported, 37; received, 2; died, 2; removed, 5; total lost. 19; present number, male, 8; female, 12; total, -
N. B.—There are others who dwell in neighboring towns that do not attend Church at Mendon.
Marriages, 2; burials, 5.
Public Services—Sundays, 50; week days, 5. Total, -
Holy Communion—Public, 6.
Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 45; children, 25; total,
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 3; total, 5; pupils, male, 9; female, 13; total, -

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported,)	$15 40	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	155 51	
Convocation, - - - - - - - -	4 85	
By the Sunday School, for S. S. purposes, .	4 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, -		179 76

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - .	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		1 00
Total of Offerings, - - -		$180 76

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $42.53; Subscriptions, 105.00; Individual gifts, 23.38; the Sunday School, 4.00; total, $174.91.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $4,000.

Church free. Number of sittings, 160. Amount of indebtedness on Church property, $3,000.00, (estimated).

[Bishop's Address, Pages 51, 58.]

St. John's Mission, Mount Pleasant, Isabella County. (1876.)

Vacant. Reported by J. Rufus Smith, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3.	
Communicants—present number male, 5; female, 11; total,	16
Public Services,—Sundays, 46; week days, 7; total, -	53
Congregation—Families, 10; adults, 24; children, 18; total, -	41

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

For the Salary of the Missionary, - - -	163 00	
Paid on organ, - - - - -	42 00	
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$205 00

The sources of the contributions reported above are—Subscriptions, $53; individual gifts, 10; Women's Associations, 142; total, $205.

Value of Church Property—Church lot, $200; other property, 140; total, $340.

Number of baptized persons in the Mission, 34.

We hold services each Sunday—Lay reading—in a private house. The lot, which was given us, is all we have clear from debt. The original cost of the organ was $200, of this 142 has been paid, leaving, 58 without interest, to be paid as soon as we can conveniently. A few of us have turned out two days, dug up all the stumps on the lot, hauled them off, and are burning them.

[Bishop's Address, page 52.]

St. Paul's Church, Muskegon, Muskegon County. (1867.)

The Rev. SIDNEY H. WOODFORD, Rector. (1876.)

J. B. Murphy, James Snow, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 7; adults, 6; total, 13. Confirmed, 15.
Communicants—Last reported, 58; admitted, 15; received, 4; total added, 19; removed, 7; suspended or dropped, 11; total lost, 18: present number, 59
Marriages, 4; burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 84; week days, 30; total, - - 114
Holy Communion—Public, 13.
Congregation—Families, 54.
Catechising—Number of times, 40.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 6; total, - - - - - 8
Pupils, male, 35; female, 47; total, - 82
Average attendance, 60.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion (not otherwise reported,)	27 19	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,200 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	300 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School, -	17 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - - -		1,544 19

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - -	32 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		32 00
Total of Offerings, - -		$1,576 19

Value of Church property—The Church, $6,000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 170; Church not free; number of sittings, 290; number of free sittings, 25.

[Bishop's Address, pages 56, 65.]

St. Mark's Mission, Newaygo, Newaygo County. (1876.)

The Rev. MOSELEY MORRIS, Missionary. (1875.)

E. S. Bennett, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3.	
Confirmed, 2.	
Communicants—Last reported, 12; admitted, 2; received, 1; total added, 3; present number, male, 2; female, 13; total,	15
Public Services—Sundays, 50; week days, 1; total,	51
Holy Communion—Public, 6.	
Congregation—Families, 17; adults, 23; children, 38; total,	61
Catechising—Number of times, 25.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 5; total,	6
Pupils, male, 26; female 36; total,	62
Average attendance,	38

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and all current expenses,	$219 00	
Total for Local Objects,		$219 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$10 04	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	3 56	
Total for Diocesan objects,		13 60

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$3 00	
Foreign Missions,	6 50	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	3 21	
By the Sunday School, for Nashotah,	3 56	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,		16 27
Total of Offerings,		$248 87

Number of visits to the Poor House, 4.

(Bishop's Address, page 58.)

Trinity Church, Niles, Berrien County. (1834.)

The Rev. R. MCMURDY, D. D., LL. D., Rector. (1876.)

Rufus Wharton Landon, David Oliphant Woodruff, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 38; adults, 167; total,	205
Confirmed, 191.	

Communicants—Last reported, 341; admitted, 196; received, 2; total added, 198; died, 10; removed, 55; suspended or dropped, 3; total lost, 68; present number, 471.
Marriages, 10; burials, 13.
Public Services—Sundays, 142; week days, 164; total, . . 306
Holy Communion—Public, 27; private, 12.
Congregation—Families, 310; adults, 800; children, 200; total, 1,000
Catechising—Number of times, 12.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 5; female, 25; total 30; pupils, male, 60; female, 110; total, . 170
Average attendance, 129.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported.)	$120 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	2,200 00	
Other Parochial and benevolent contributions, .	2.097 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	300 00	
Liquidation of debts, - - - - -	1,030 00	
Prayer Books, - - - - - -	80 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, .		$5,827 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, ...	$167 75	
Assessment of the Convention, . .	35 67	
Total for Diocesan Objects, . .		203 42

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, . . .	45 00	
Foreign Missions, ...	25 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		70 00
Total of Offerings, . .		$6,100 42

Value of Church Property—$20,000; Rectory, 1,700; total, $21.700.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 750; Church not free; number of sittings, 550; amount of indebtedness, on Rectory, $1,850.

[Bishop's Address, Page 63.]

St. Mark's Church, Paw Paw, Van Buren County. (1851.)

The Rev. DARIUS BARKER, Rector. (1874.)

Alfred J. Mills, George W. Ocobock, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 6; total, - - - 9
Confirmed—3.

Communicants—Last reported, 38; admitted, 5; received, 6; total added, 11; removed, 6; present number male, 10; female, 33; total, - - - 43
Marriages, 5; burials, 4.
Public Services—Sundays, 78; week days, 42; total, - - 120
Holy Communion—Public, 6.
Congregation—Families, 43; adults, 78; children, 48; total, - 126
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 4; total, 7
pupils, male, 21; female, 33; total, - - 54
Average attendance, - - - 50
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 230.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - -	$ 230 98	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	2,051 12	
By the Sunday School, for S. S. papers, -	6 70	
" " " " Bible and Prayer Book for desk, - - - - - -	10 00	
By the Sunday School, towards fund for font, -	15 00	
Total for Parochial objects, - - -		$2,313 80

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - -	$5 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	3 62	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	2 00	
Total for Diocesan objects, - -		$10 62

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Foreign Missions, - - - - -	5 00	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, -	2 00	
By the Sunday School, for Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, - - - - -	5 00	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese, -		12 00
Total of Offerings, - - -		$2,336 42

The sources of the Contributions above reported are—The Offertory, $61.65; pew rents, 92.75; Subscriptions, 1,350; individual gifts, 69.50; Women's Associations, 249.20; the Sunday School, 36.70; donations outside the Parish, 209.00 on Church building, and 250.00 on organ; total, $2,318.80.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $3,000; other property, 485.00; total, $3,485.00.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 79. Church not free. Number of sittings, 200.

[Bishop's Address, pages 56, 63.]

St. James' Mission, Pentwater, Oceana County. (1872.)

The Rev. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Missionary. (1872.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 5; Confirmed, 1.
Communicants—Last reported, 14; admitted, 1; received, 1; total added, 2; present number, male, 3; female, 13; total, ... 16
Burials—1.
Public Services—Sundays, 24.
Holy Communion—Public, 11.
Congregation—Families, 9; adults and children, 56.
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salary of Missionary,	60 00	
Rental of hall,	11 00	
Incidentals,	5 00	
Ladies' Society,	18 05	
Total for Local Objects,		$94 05

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		5 00
Total of Offerings,		$99 05

Value of Church Property—$150.

Number of baptized persons in the Mission, 52.

Ministerial Acts in Manistee—Services, 4; baptisms, 5.

Ministerial Acts in Baldwin, Lake County—Services, 14; baptized 4 children.

(Bishop's Address, page 59.)

Trinity Mission, Plainwell, Allegan County. (1870.)

Reported by the Secretary of the Women's Association.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—1.
Communicants—Last reported, 7; total added, 5; present number, male, 3; female, 9; total, - - 12
Public Services—Total, 9.
Holy Communion—Public, 1.
Congregation—Families, 12; adults, 28; children, 15; total, - 43

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Incidental expenses,		3 60
Payment of indebtedness,		16 53
Improvement of Chapel,		13 24
Total for Local objects,		$33 37

Value of Church property—The Chapel and lot, $1.400; other property, 230.00; total, $100.

Church free. Whole number of sittings, 100.

(Bishop's Address, Page 54.)

St. Johns' Mission, Quincy, Branch County. (1873.)

The Rev. HERBERT J. COOK, Missionary. (1876.

Communicants—Last reported, 10; received, 1; died, 1; present number, male, 1; female, 9; total,	10
Burials—3.	
Public Services—Sundays, 22; week days, 7; total,	29
Holy Communion—Public, 2.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Total for Local Objects		$35 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	4 30	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		4 30
Total of Offerings,		$39 30

Value of Church Property—$785.

[Bishop's Address, page 57.]

Trinity Church, Saranac, Ionia County. (1860.)

The Rev. LEWIS LOREE ROGERS, Rector. (1875.)

Ezra Reasoner, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2.	
Communicants—Last reported, 55; admitted, 2; died, 1; removed, 12; suspended or dropped, 11; total lost, 24; present number, male, 8; female, 25; total,	33
Marriages, 1; burials, 1.	

Public Services—Sundays, 26; week days, 1; total, . 27
Holy Communion—Public, 5.
Congregation—Families, 20; adults, 70; children, 60; total, . 130
Catechising—Number of times, 4.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 5; total, 8
Pupils, male, 18; female 44; total, . . 62
Average attendance, ... 46

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported.)	$10 00	
For the Sunday School, ...	9 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	40 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, . .		$59 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention, . .	$3 60	
Total for Diocesan objects, . .		3 60
Total of Offerings, . . .		$62 60

Value of Church property—The Church, $4,000,

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 40; Church free; whole number of sittings, 250.

This Parish has had but few services this year, as they were unable to support them. A large number have been suspended, as they took no interest in the Church. Many have removed. Services have been resumed for the last six weeks. During the year, the most active and able Churchman, G. A. Cotton, deceased. His death was peaceful. His loss is felt.

All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, Allegan County. (1868.)

The Rev. J. Rice Taylor, Rector. (1868.)

Pierce Abbey, John Priest, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3. Confirmed, 1.
Communicants—Last reported, 39; admitted, 1; removed, 2; suspended or dropped, 2; total lost, 4; present number male, 12; female, 24; total, - - 36
Burials—6.
Public Services—Sundays, 44; week days, 8; total, - - 52
Holy Communion—Public, 6; private, 1.
Congregation—Families, 55; adults, 86; children, 35; total, - 121
Catechising—Number of times, 6.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 5; total, 8
pupils, male, 25; female, 30; total, - - 55
Average attendance, . . . 36

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$306 76	
By the Sunday School, for Singing Books,	5 00	
Total for Parochial objects,		$311 76

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$15 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	4 63	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	2 00	
Total for Diocesan objects,		$21 63

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	3 00	
Foreign Missions,	1 00	
Home Missions for Colored People,	1 00	
Indian Missions,	1 00	
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions,	15 39	
Total for objects exterior to the Diocese,		21 39
Total of Offerings,		$354 78

Value of Church Property—$4,000.

Church free. Number of sittings, 200.

The Parish is now free from debt save $60 due on the organ, claims contracted during the building of the Church edifice having been generously remitted. A bell not very costly but serving a good purpose, has been placed in the belfry, chiefly at the expense of one of the members of the Vestry.

While East last autumn I preached four times and read and assisted in Services eight times, besides attending for two days at the exercises of the Church Congress in Boston.

[Bishop's Address, pages 53.]

Christ Church, St. Joseph, Berrien County. (1872.)

The Rev. V. SPALDING, late Rector. (1872.)

William J. Nott, Benjamin F. Pixley, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 42; received 1; removed, 4; suspended or dropped, 3; total lost, 7; present number, male, 9; female, 27; total, 36

Marriages, 11.
Public Services—Sundays, 20; week days, 1; total, . 21
Holy Communion—Public, 3.
Congregation—Families, 20; adults, 35; children, 5; total, . 40
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 2; total 3; pupils, male, 10; female, 15; total, . 25
Average attendance, . . . 20

Parish Library—Number of volumes, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and other expenses of Parish maintenance,	241 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, . .		241

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, ...	2 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., . . .	3 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, . .		5

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, ...	2 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		2
Total of Offerings, .		$248

Value of Church Property—Total, $400, by *liberal* estimation.
Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 41.

My services in other places, during the year, have been as follow. At Three Rivers, 12; at Sturgis, 5; at Burr Oak, 1; at Hastings, 1; Lawrence, 2; at Chicago, 1; total, 22.

This report is not for the whole year but only for the seven months fro the last Convention, up to January 1st, 1877, when I resigned my char of the Parish, and a few weeks after removed from it. And within tho seven months I was necessitated to be absent from the Parish two month with the consent and advice of the Bishop. From the time of my retur from that absence, up to that of my resignation, there was a sudden, a most total, and (to me) unaccountable falling off in the attendance at th services of the Church, and an entire desertion of the Sunday Schoo So that, in fact, this report comprises only one month in which anythin effectual was done, viz: The month previous to my absence. The rest the time was spent in ineffectual efforts to awaken the Parish out of i torpor. Whether that was in consequence of my long absence, or of son other cause, I know not; but it left me no choice, but to get out of th way, and leave the field open to the efforts of a more acceptable ministe

Since my resignation the Vestry has arranged the arrears of my salary, by giving me $45 in cash, and 225 in notes of hand—$270. After five years spent in this field, and (until the last few months) in regular services, with congregations of respectable numbers, and with nearly forty resident communicants left, (almost as many more having been lost by removals,)and with a church, unburthened with debt, governed by a Vestry of ten of the foremost men in the town, I hope I may account "the establishment of the Church" to have been effected in St. Joseph as firmly as it ever is in any place; and that the work in it is as sure to be taken up and carried on by a more skillful laborer, in no long time, as it is in most places. Certainly there are few churches in small towns that present stronger inducements to a faithful and disinterested minister than does "Christ Church, St. Joseph," though I have felt obliged, most reluctantly to leave it.

(Bishop's Address, Page, 60.)

St. John's Church, Sturgis, St. Joseph County. (1873.)

The Rev. HENRY SAFFORD, Rector. (1877.)

Daniel E. Thomas, George W. Harris, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Present number, 15.
Public Services—Total, ... 20
Holy Communion—Public, 4.
Congregation—Families, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, 4; pupils, 15.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

To the Rector, ...	40 00
Total for Parochial Objects, . . .	$40 00

The sources of the Contributions above reported are—The Offertory, $40.00.

A suitable lot has been purchased for a Church, and a subscription opened for building this present summer, with a reasonable prospect of a successful issue. Our people are in good heart, and are disposed to take hold of the work with a strong will. What the results may be, we cannot of course predict, but our persuasion is that the effort will be successful. The field is comparatively a new one for the Church, and the precious seed of Gospel Truth, carefully sown and prayerfully nurtured, will doubtless yield an abundant harvest. There are many things to encourage us in our work. Still we cannot look for any marked advance,

while we worship in a small upper room. We really need, and ought to have at once, a house of worship of our own. Would that our brethren in the household of our blessed Lord could help us! Their gifts would be well bestowed, and bring hope, and courage, and joy to many hearts.

(Bishop's Address, page 51.)

Trinity Church, Three Rivers, St. Joseph County. (1863.)

Vacant. Reported by the Wardens, Thos. M. Clark, L. F. Lake.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 73; removed, 26; present number, male, 14; female, 32, ... 46
Public Services—Total, ... 21
Holy Communion—Public, 2.
Congregation—Families, 40; adults, 100; children, 40; total, 140
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 140.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$186 98	
Total for Parochial Objects, .		$186 98

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, ...	5 40	
Foreign Missions, ...	3 20	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, .		8 60
Total of Offerings, . . .		$195 58

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $8.60; Subscriptions, 186.98; total, $195.58.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $6,000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 82. Church free. Number of sittings, 250.

[Bishop's Address, Pages 56, 61.]

Grace Church, Traverse City, Grand Traverse County. (1877.)

The Rev. WILLIAM H. SPARLING, Missionary. (1876.)

Elvin L. Sprague, Homer P. Daw, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

[redacted]—Infants, 5; adults, 4; total, . . . 9
[redacted]—6

Communicants—Last reported, 15; admitted, 6; received, 10; total added, 16; removed, 2; present number, male, 11; female, 18; total, . . . 29
Marriages—3; burials, 2.
Public Services—Sundays, 39; week days, 20; total, . 59
Holy Communion—Public, 2.
Congregation—Families, 25; adults, 70; children, 20; total, . 90
Catechising—Number of times, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 7; female, 7; total, - - - - - 14
Pupils, male, 22; female, 30; total, - 52
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 178.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported),	$158 07	
For the Sunday School, ...	127 17	
Parish Library, ...	45 66	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	752 67	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	205 00	
Cost of Chapel, ...	2,000 00	
Carpet for Chapel, ...	160 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, . .		$3,448 57

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, ...	15 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, . .		15 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Home Missions for Colored People, ...	2 00	
Indian Missions, ...	2 00	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, . .	2 00	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, .	8 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		14 00
Total of Offerings, . .		$3,477 57

Value of Church Property—The Church, $2,000; other property, $600; total, $2,600.

Church free; number of sittings, 196.

(Bishop's Address, pages 52, 55, 64.)

Grace Church, Union City, Branch County. (1865.)

Vacant. Reported by the Wardens, Hiram Crissey, H. F. Ewers.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3.
Confirmed, 3.

Communicants—Last reported, 30; admitted, 1; received, 1; total added. 2; present number, male, 12; female, 20; total, ... 32
Burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 52; Week days, 2; total, . 54
During Lent a weekly Lay Cottage Service.
Holy Communion—Public, 5.
Congregation—Families, 16; adults, 41; children, 15; total, . 56
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; pupils, male, 7; female, 8; total, ... 15
Average attendance, 12.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention, . .	$2 34	
Total for Diocesan Objects, . .		$2 34

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, . . .	3 55	
Foreign Missions, ...	1 20	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		4 75
Total of Offerings,		$7 09

Value of Church property—The Church, $4,000.

[Bishop's Address, Pages 54, 59.]

The Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, Muskegon County, (1870.)

The Rev. Robert Wood, Rector. (1875.)

Thomas Woodhams, James Webster, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 15; adults, 6; total, 21.
Confirmed, 9.
Communicants—Last reported, 12; admitted, 1; received, 8; total added, 9; present number, male, 4; female, 17; total, - - - - 21
Marriages, 7; burials, 2.
Public Services—Sundays, 104; week days, 40; total, - - 144
Holy Communion—Public, 12.
Congregation—Families, 18; Adults, 30; children, 36; total, - 66
Catechising—Number of times, 6.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 3; total, 6
pupils, male, 10; female, 25; total, - - 35
Average attendance, 25.
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 60.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$400 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - - -		$400 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - -	12 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	2 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		14 50

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, ...	17 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		17 00
Total of Offerings, - - -		$431 50

Value of Church Property—Church, $2,000.

Number of baptized persons in the Parish, 70. Church free. Whole number of sittings, 200.

I have held services at Montague and Flower Creek, Muskegon County, Mich.

[Bishop's Address, page 59.]

Parishes Vacant.

St. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.

St. Paul's Church, Greenville.

Christ Church, St. Joseph.

Trinity Church, Three Rivers.

Grace Church, Union City.

Christ Church, Plainfield.

St. Paul's, Courtland.

The two last named are virtually extinct.

ORGANIZED MISSIONS VACANT.

St. Paul's, Manistee.

St. John's, Mount Pleasant.

APPENDIX D.

Reports

OF CLERGYMEN NOT IN CHARGE OF PARISHES.

Extract from Digest of the Canons of the General Convention.

TITLE I., CANON XVII., SECTION I.

"Every Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional Services he may have performed; and if he has performed no such Services, the cause or reasons which have prevented the same."

THE REV. JOHN COLEMAN. (1874.)

To the Right Reverend Bishop Gillespie, D. D.:

Rev. John Coleman respectfully reports that during the past Conventional year he has constantly officiated, chiefly in the Dioceses of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Not having accessible my Ministerial Record, I am unable to report exactly; but I have officiated about one hundred and fifty times on Sundays and week days.

THE REV. COLLEY A. FOSTER, M. D., LL. D. (1864.)

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

In the month of June, 1876, I removed from Kalamazoo to Grand Rapids, where I am now residing. I have no special Parochial charge, but perform ministerial duty on Sundays whenever I have the opportuni-

ty. I have officiated several Sundays and baptized one lady, at Hastings; assisted the Rector of St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, on the first Sunday of every month; officiated and preached for him on two Sundays; and twice at St. Paul's, on the West Side. I buried one person, and performed week day service on two occasions in St. Mark's Chapel. I am ready and always glad to do any work as a Presbyter when called upon; but as I am dependent upon my medical practice for support, I can only devote Sundays to it.

Grand Rapids, May 30, 1877.

THE REV. CHARLES R. HUSON, COLDWATER. (1871.)

Right Reverend and Dear Sir:

I still keep my Mission near Allen, in the Diocese of Michigan, holding service every second Sunday in the afternoon. I have assisted the Rector of St. Mark's Church, Coldwater, six or seven Sundays

Coldwater, May 30, 1877.

THE REV. JAMES SELKRIG, BRADLEY, ALLEGAN COUNTY. (1835.)

No Report. Aged and disabled.

APPENDIX E.

Second Annual Report

OF THE CONVOCATION OF GRAND RAPIDS.

Three meetings of the Grand Rapids Convocation have been held during the year. The first meeting was at Grand Rapids, Sept. 13, 1876. There were present, the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Messrs. Earp, Lewis, Rogers, Stowe, Wood and Woodford. The usual exercises were observed, and in the usual order. The Convocation Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Earp, and the Sermon *ad Clerum* by the Rev. Mr. Woodford. During the meeting, the following subjects were taken under discussion: "The Study of Books on the Work of the Ministry;" and "The Intercourse of the Clergy and Laity." At the business meeting the Rev. Robert Wood was elected President to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Earp, and the Rev. S. H. Woodford was elected Secretary to fill vacancy. The discussion in the evening was participated in by several laymen.

The second meeting was held in St. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids, beginning Tuesday evening, January 9th. 1877. Present, the Right Reverend, the Bishop, and the Rev. Messrs. Beckwith, Brittain, Earp, Knowlton, Large, Morris, Stowe and Woodford, and Mr. C. Durfee, of Epiphany Mission, Coopersville. The Rev. Mr. Knowlton preached the Convocation Sermon, and the Rev. Mr. Stowe the Sermon *ad Clerum*. At the Business Meeting the Bishop read the assignments of Missionary fields to the Clergy. Other business of a routine character was transacted, as appears in the minutes, but not deemed necessary to embody in this report. On the second evening, a paper on the observance of the Lord's Day was read by the Rev. Mr. Earp, followed by a general dis-

cussion of the subject. The Convocation then adjourned, to meet at such time and place as the Bishop should appoint for the next Missionary Meeting of the Diocese. Kalamazoo being the place of such appointment, the Convocation met on the second day of Missionary Meeting; but since the meeting was held confessedly for the sole purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Canon, no business was transacted worthy of special notice here.

S. H. WOODFORD, Secretary.

APPENDIX F.

Second Annual Report

OF THE CONVOCATION OF KALAMAZOO.

OFFICERS OF CONVOCATION.

At a meeting held at Trinity Church, Marshall, May 30, 1876, the old board was re-elected, the Bishop presiding at all meetings when present.

President—Rev. J. F. Conover.

Secretary—Rev. H. J. Cook.

Treasurer—N. P. Loveridge, Esq.

SESSIONS.

Convocation has had five sessions during the past year, three of which have been merely to transact business. Attendance has been as good perhaps as could be expected all things considered. Certainly, the members who have been present, together with the congregations in the several places of meeting. have been benefited by the opportunities for worship, discussion and mutual help.

But for such gatherings the people would miss the presence of the Bishop and Clergy—as they often do now through neglect of the services —and the Clergy would labor on in loneliness, unsupported by that active sympathy and encouragement which comes from a closer fellowship and a discussion of topics of common interest.

FIRST REGULAR MEETING.

The first regular session of Convocation was at All Saint's Church, Saugatuck, and it was one which conduced to the pleasure and profit of all who attended. The sermons were by Rev. J. F. Conover and Rev. J.

W. Bancroft. Two discussions of general interest were upon "Parish and Mission organization on Church Principles," and "Intercourse of Clergy and Laity."

SECOND REGULAR MEETING.

This was held at Mendon. Sermons were preached by the Bishop of the Diocese and the Rev. Walter Scott. The Holy Communion was administered, as at all stated meetings. The discussions were upon the subjects: "Preparation of Candidates for Confirmation and their Subsequent Instruction," and "The Duty and Manner of Searching out Scattered Church Families, and of Ministering to them when unattached to any Parochial or Mission Organization."

MISSIONARY WORK.

Each Rector and Missionary is expected to present at Convocation a written report of any Missionary work he may have done outside of his immediate Cure. Such reports have been made from time to time and the fact developed that most of the Clergy do some of this voluntary labor, and often with good results. The occasional service, the funeral or wedding, the visit and the Bible, Prayer-Book or Tract given, are thus all made tributary to the good result of preaching "Christ and Him crucified."

ASSIGNMENT OF MISSIONARY WORK.

For the purposes of such work within the Convocation limits, the following assignment has been made by the Bishop of the Diocese:

Rev. Walter Scott, Allegan County, 12 Eastern Townships.

Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Barry County.

Rev. J. L. Taylor, Eaton County.

Rev. G. E. Peters, Calhoun County, 4 Eastern Townships.

Rev. H. B. Whittemore, Calhoun County, 8 Middle Townships.

Rev. R. McMurdy, LL. D., Berrien County.

Rectory, Three Rivers—Cass County.

St. Joseph County, 4 Western Townships.

Rev. H. J. Cook, Branch County.

Rev. J. R. Taylor, Van Buren County, and Allegan County, 8 Western Townships.

Rev. J. F. Conover, Kalamazoo County, 8 Eastern Townships.

Rev. R. H. Paine, Kalamazoo County, 4 Western Townships.

Rev. Henry Safford, St. Joseph County, 4 Eastern Townships.

Rectory, Mendon—St. Joseph County, 8 Middle Townships.

Rectory, Battle Creek—Calhoun County, 4 Western Townships.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT J. COOK, Secretary.

APPENDIX G.

St. Mark's Home and Hospital.

To the Right Rev. George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR—I have the honor to submit the Report of St. Mark's Home and Hospital, Grand Rapids, for the year ending April 24th, 1877. Having so recently assumed the Presidency of this Institution, I am entirely indebted to the annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the facts herein submitted:

Whole number of persons admitted within the year,		133
" " "	Americans,	71
" " "	Irish,	17
" " "	Germans,	13
" " "	Hollanders,	3
" " "	Scotch,	4
" " "	English,	3
" " "	Norwegian,	1
" " "	Dane,	1
" " "	Africans,	2
" " "	Pole,	1
" " "	Unknown,	12
Children,		21
Number of applicants at Dispensary,		87
Visits and medical treatment at the homes of the poor,		26

Those who have paid in whole or in part for board have numbered 23; the Church has paid for 7; the city has paid for 29; the county for 48; charity patients, 22. Number of meals given at the Home, 97.

Receipts for the year ending April 24, 1877:

Cash on hand April 24, 1876,		$123 27
Cash from St. Mark's Church,		260 84
" Kent County,		192 83
" City,		141 26
" Annual subscriptions,		134 00
" Donations,		684 18
" Inmates' board,		599 00
		$2,435 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid for repairs on Home,		$ 93 92
" Matron,		349 40
" Servants,		226 05
" Nurse,		82 00
" Groceries, provisions, etc.,		569 22
" Wood,		263 5[illegible]
" Meats,		183 [illegible]
" Dry Goods,		39 [illegible]
" Insurance,		101
" Furniture,		53
" Gas,		31
" Milk,		80
" Crockery and hardware,		19 [illegible]
" Printing,		19[illegible]
" Ice in ice house		1[illegible]
" Undertaker,		[illegible]
" Secretary's expenses to Flint, etc.,		1[illegible]
" Sundries,		1[illegible]
" Charity contributions,		6[illegible]
Cash on hand,		19[illegible]
		$2,435

In addition to the above, the Treasurer reports as on hand in [illegible] "Trust Fund," derived from life membership, etc., $310.00, upon whi interest to the amount of $27.18 had been received during the ye making a total of $337.18. This Institution became incorporated i June, 1876.

The building now occupied is generously given, rent free, by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Fuller.

Religious services are held, and an address delivered every Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Home, besides which the Rector visits the Institution almost daily.

The domestic department is supervised and managed by an efficient committee of ladies, to whose energy and prudence the Institution is indebted for much of its success.

GEORGE D. E. MORTIMER, Chaplain.

IMPORTANT.

The attention of the Parishes is particularly requested to the following Resolution of the Convention and Canonical provisions:

Resolved, That the Parishes be recommended to make provision for the expenses of their Clergymen attending the Semi-Annual Missionary Meetings. Page 44.

THE CHRISTMAS FUND TO AID AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, AND WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THE CLERGY OF THIS DIOCESE.

"It is hereby made the duty of every Parish to make an annual offering for this Fund, on Christmas day, or the Sunday preceding or succeeding Christmas day." Canon XIV., Section 1.

"It shall be the duty of the Minister of every Parish, Mission and Congregation in the Diocese, to make a collection for Diocesan Missions, monthly, or by stated pledge, from the members of the Parish or Congregation, and remit the proceeds to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Diocese." Canon XIX., Section 4.

Times for Collections.

Diocesan Missions—"Once a month," or "by stated pledge from the members of the Parish." Canon XIX.

Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen—"On Sunday preceding or succeeding Christmas Day." Canon XIV.

Domestic Missions—The Advent Season; *Foreign Missions*—The Epiphany Season; these times are fixed by the recommendation of the Board of Missions.

Home Missions to Colored People—The Season of Lent; *Indian Missions*—The Trinity Season; by recommendation of the Diocesan members of the General Board of Missions.

The Society for the Increase of the Ministry—To meet the Diocesan Pledge—Whitsun-Day; by recommendation of the Bishop.

Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies—A Sunday near All Saints' Day; by recommendation of the Bishop.

Societies for the Conversion of the Jews—Good Friday; by usage.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.—Statistics of Condition and Growth.

PLACES.	PARISHES.	BAPTISMS.			CONFIRMED.	COMMUNICANTS.										MARRIED.	BURIED	FAMILIES.	Adults & Children.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.					
												Present No.								Teachers.			Scholars.		
		Infants.	Adults.	Total.		Last Reported.	Admitted.	Received.	Total Added.	Died.	Removed.	Dropped, etc.	Total Lost.	Males.	Females.	Total.					Males.	Females.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Albion	St. James'	10	8	18	3	66	3	....	3	1	7	2	10	13	46	59	2	11	66	219	4	6	10	25	67	92
Allegan	Good Shepherd	18	8	26	8	72	8	12	10	3	5	....	8	26	48	74	2	12	46	195	6	8	14	38	46	84
Battle Creek	St Thomas'	1	5	6	14	76	14	14	28	....	3	....	3	....	....	101	....	1	....	....	3	11	14	44	50	94
Big Rapids	St. Andrew's	3	....	3	6	59	6	5	11	....	3	....	3	6	61	67	8	2	75	242	1	8	9	26	63	89
Burr Oak	Grace	....	3	3	5	10	1	....	1	1	1	....	2	3	6	9	....	1	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Coldwater	St. Mark's	3	1	4	7	140	5	15	20	4	17	8	29	27	104	131	5	10	96	305	2	10	12	30	35	65
Elk Rapids	St. Paul's	11	3	14	8	36	6	3	9	....	3	....	3	13	29	42	5	3	34	151	1	4	5	24	38	62
Grand Haven	St John's	11	....	11	1	90	1	1	2	2	4	26	32	15	45	60	1	3	35	178	2	8	10	23	45	68
Grand Rapids	Grace	6	4	10	6	51	11	21	32	....	3	1	4	26	53	79	3	2	....	....	5	9	14	60	55	115
Grand Rapids	St. Mark's	26	3	29	12	624	....	....	....	....	....	....	49	....	....	575	17	28	....	....	3	23	26	80	113	193
Grand Rapids	St. Paul's	15	8	23	5	92	3	4	7	3	10	....	13	20	66	86	6	6	70	326	4	8	12	30	55	85
Greenville	St. Paul's	2	4	6	4	31	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	1	....	25	100	3	5	8	13	20	33
Hastings	Emmanuel	13	10	23	13	66	10	2	12	2	2	....	4	11	63	74	4	11	40	154	2	10	12	36	41	77
Holland	Grace	7	4	11	10	26	11	1	12	....	5	6	11	4	23	27	....	....	20	65	2	4	6	23	26	49
Homer	Christ	....	....	....	....	23	....	5	5	....	3	....	3	10	15	25	....	....	15	32	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ionia	St John's	3	....	3	5	93	....	....	....	....	....	....	63	....	....	30	1	1	....	....	2	5	7	14	26	40
Kalamazoo	St John's	5	3	8	19	126	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	22	66	88	1	3	60	275	3	9	12	....	....	55
Kalamazoo	St Luke's	30	1	31	20	187	20	3	33	1	23	7	31	43	146	189	5	8	98	393	4	10	14	35	49	84
Ludington	Grace	13	3	16	4	33	5	2	7	....	2	5	7	9	24	33	1	6	20	89	1	5	6	19	23	42
Marshall	Trinity	10	5	15	17	172	17	6	23	3	9	....	12	55	128	183	3	16	116	390	4	13	17	60	90	150
Mendon	St Paul's	4	....	4	....	37	....	2	2	2	5	....	7	8	12	20	2	5	15	70	2	3	5	9	13	22
Muskegon	St. Paul's	7	6	13	15	58	15	4	19	....	7	11	18	....	....	59	4	1	54	....	2	6	8	35	47	82
Niles	Trinity	38	167	205	191	341	196	2	198	10	55	3	68	....	....	471	10	13	310	1000	5	25	30	60	110	170
Paw Paw	St Mark's	3	6	9	3	38	5	6	11	....	6	....	6	10	33	43	5	4	43	126	3	4	7	21	33	54
Saranac	Trinity	2	....	2	....	55	2	..	2	1	12	11	24	8	25	33	1	1	20	130	3	5	8	18	44	62
Saugatuck	All Saints'	3	....	3	1	39	1	..	1	....	2	2	4	12	24	36	....	6	35	121	3	5	8	25	30	55
St. Joseph	Christ	....	....	....	....	42	....	1	1	....	4	3	7	9	27	36	11	....	20	40	1	2	3	10	15	25
Three Rivers	Trinity	....	....	....	....	73	....	....	....	....	27	....	27	14	32	46	....	....	40	140	....	....	....	....	....	....
Traverse City	Grace	5	4	9	6	15	6	10	16	....	2	....	2	11	18	29	3	2	25	90	7	7	14	22	30	52
[illegible]	[illegible]	3	....	3	3	30	1	1	2	....	....	....	....	12	20	32	....	....	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

Abstract of Parochial Reports.—Condition and Growth. (Continued.)

ORGANIZED MISSIONS.																														
Charlotte	Grace	4	2	6	2	19	2	2	4	1	2		3	3	17	20		1	12		4	7	11			64
Coopersville	Epiphany	3		3	7	11	7		7						6	12	18	1	15	45	2	5	7	5	25	30
Eaton Rapids	St. Matthias'	1		1		17		3	3		3	3	6	2	12	14	2	4	13		3	4	7	7	10	17
Evart	St. John's	7	2	9	2		2	16	18		4		4	5	9	14		1	8	32						
Farwell	Trinity	9		9	2		2	6	8					2	6	8			6	21	3	3	6	10	12	22
Hersey	Grace	8		8	2		2	3	5		2		2	2	7	9			6	23						
Manistee	St Paul's	5	1	6	10											35			40							
Mt. Pleasant	St. John's	3		3					16					5	11	16			10	41						
Newaygo	St Mark's	3		3	2	12	2	1	3					2	13	15			17	61	1	5	6	26	36	62
OTHER PLACES.																														
Grand Rapids	Good Shepherd	6		6	7	41										41		1	33	142	6	11	17	73	103	176
Pentwater	St. James'	5		5	1	14	1	1	2					3	13	16		1	9	56						
Plainwell	Trinity			1		7			5					3	9	12			12	43						
Quincy	St. John's					10		1	1	1			1	1	9	10										
Sturgis	St. John's															15			10				4			15
		321	267	616	437	2944	368	161	550	35	231	88	504	425	1249	3034	111	170	1609	5411	105	257	366	933	1398	2465

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Allegan, Good Shepherd	1,190 28	36 00	$20 12	2 86	$ 30 00	88 97	11 75	1 50	1 25	$ 3 25	$ 1 50	1 50	20 75		125 28	1,300 00
Battle Creek, St. Thomas'	7,404 11	36 00	1 75	5 00		42 75	25 37	11 83				3 05	40 25	$ 100 44	74 90	7,487 11
Big Rapids, St. Andrew's	1,313 66	8 95		5 59		14 54	10 00	4 00	2 50	2 50		4 00	23 00	195 00	65 66	1,351 14
Burr Oak, Grace	55 13	7 00	57			7 57										62 70
Coldwater, St. Mark's	2,943 50	100 00	26 04	8 88		134 92	27 69	7 00	6 25	5 69		11 58	58 21			3,136 63
Elk Rapids, St. Paul's	850 04	60 50	12 75	9 00		82 25	3 00				10 00		13 00	121 57	29 93	945 29
Grand Haven, St. John's	1,300 12	5 00		5 30	10 69	20 99	3 55		2 00				5 55	513 79	22 61	1,326 66
Grand Rapids, Grace	1,142 68	56 00	6 76	3 35		66 11	17 85	1 25			12 50	6 50	38 10		76 55	1,246 89
" " St. Mark's	17,226 79	566 96	108 00	33 69	90 00	798 65	206 68	76 70	26 39	29 36	109 96	143 30	592 39	212 07	100 56	18,617 83
" " St. Paul's	1,065 00	35 00	17 88	4 00		56 88	14 56	4 00	2 00	2 00			22 56		55 00	1,144 44
Greenville, St. Paul's	147 06															147 06
Hastings, Emmanuel	1,109 37	60 00	19 05	6 65	126 38	212 08	11 10	6 08	4 68	3 50			25 36	317 25	27 99	1,346 81
Holland, Grace	191 80	8 68	2 53	2 00		13 21	6 58	2 00					8 58		12 00	213 50
Homer, Christ	121 28		2 87			2 87	4 25						4 25			128 40
Ionia, St. John's	148 85															148 85
Kalamazoo, St. John's	1,025 83	10 00	11 35	9 56		30 91	22 27	9 28	7 32		19 20	12 00	70 07	250 10	31 48	1,126 81
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Ludington, Grace	405 26	20 00	4 05			24 05	4 27	3 63	1 50	1 50		3 00	13 90		28 60	443 21
Marshall, Trinity	1,958 78	185 00	30 97	13 35	58 50	287 82	33 09	9 10	4 54	6 32	16 43	33 72	103 20	286 66	76 29	2,349 80
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Niles, Trinity	5,827 00	167 75	35 67			203 42	45 00	25 00					70 00			6,100 42
Paw Paw, St. Mark's	1,854 80	5 00	3 62	2 00		10 62		5 00			2 00	5 00	12 00	249 20	36 70	1,877 42
Saranac, Trinity	59 00		3 60			3 60										62 60
Saugatuck, All Saints'	311 76	15 00	4 63	2 00		21 63	18 39	1 00	1 00	1 00			21 39		20 39	354 78
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Three Rivers, Trinity	186 98						5 40	3 20					8 60			195 58
Traverse City, Grace	3,448 57	15 00				15 00			2 00	2 00	2 00	8 00	14 00			3,477 57

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Charlotte, Grace	$ 301 58	$ 5 00				$ 5 00	$ 1 75	$ 65				$ 1 00	$ 3 40	$ 42 06	$ 26 84	$ 309 98
Coopersville, Epiphany	30 00	6 00		$ 2 50		8 50	83	$ 2 64	1 63			1 00	6 10			44 60
Eaton Rapids, St. Matthias'	516 31	10 00		4 00		14 00	2 00	1 60					3 60	161 83	29 20	533 91
Evart, St. John's	160 44	2 44				2 44	57	60			40		1 57	30 40		164 45
Farwell, Trinity	236 99	83				83	1 55	1 08			1 00		3 63	69 93	24 80	241 45
Hersey, Grace	96 81	1 71				1 71	69	2 09			1 60		4 38			102 90
Manistee, St. Paul's	216 16	10 00				10 00										226 16
Mt. Pleasant, St. John's	205 00													142 00		205 00
Newaygo, St. Mark's	219 00	10 04		3 56		13 60	3 00	6 56			3 56	3 21	16 27		3 56	248 87
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Pentwater, St. James'	94 05	5 00				5 00								18 05		99 05
Plainwell, Trinity	33 37													33 37		33 37
Quincy, St. John's	35 00	4 30				4 30										39 30
Sturgis, St. John's	40 00															40 00
	$62,687 98	1,884 16	371 58	147 78	542 58	2,946 10	772 44	206 77	80 88	73 02	282 80	326 72	1802 63	3,145 23	1,209 34	$67,436 71

Statistics

Of the Diocese of Western Michigan. for the Year Ending May 29th, A. D. 1877.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CLERGY—	
Canonically resident, the Bishop, 31 Presbyters, 2 Deacons,	34
Clergymen connected with Parishes and Missions,	29
Candidates for Orders, 3; and Postulants, 2,	5
PARISHES, ETC.—	
Number of, in union with the Convention,	34
Of which, virtually extinct,	3
Organized Missions, 9; other places, 5; total reporting,	45
Having Church edifices, 29 Parishes, 4 other places,	33
Having both Chapel and Church,	3
Having Rectories,	8
Supplied with full services,	19
Whose Rectors have Missionary stipend,	11
Missionaries receiving stipend,	5
Vacant, see page 129,	5
EPISCOPAL ACTS—See pages 75–79.	

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

CONGREGATIONS—	
Families reported in 40 Parishes and Missions,	1,609
Adults and children in 34 " "	5,411
BAPTISMS—	
Infants in 38 Parishes and Missions,	321
Adults in 24 " "	267
Total—See note, page 139.	617
CONFIRMED—	
In 38 Parishes and Missions,	437
COMMUNICANTS—	
Last reported in 39 places now reporting,	2,944
Admitted in 31 Parishes and Missions,	368
Received in 30 " "	161
Total added in 38 " "	550
Died in 14 " "	35
Removed in 29 " "	231
Dropped in 14 " "	88
Total lost in 33 " "	504

Present number in the 45 places now reporting, male 425; female, 1,249; not specified, 1,360; total, - - 3,034

MARRIAGES—
In 26 Parishes and Missions, - - - - - 111

BURIALS—
In 32 Parishes and Missions,- - - - - 170

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—
Teachers in 36 Parishes and Missions, male, 105; female, 257; not designated, 4; total, - - - - - 366
Scholars—boys, 933; girls, 1,398; not specified, 134; total, 2,465

SUMMARY OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS.

TOTAL FOR PAROCHIAL OBJECTS—		
In 44 Parishes and Missions, - - - -		$62,687 98
Of which, for alms and charities, 2 2-10 per cent., - - - - -	$ 1,408 25	
Of which, for Sunday School purposes, 1 6-10 per cent., - - - - -	999 95	
Of which, for interest and reduction of debt, 20 8-10 per cent.. - - -	13,054 47	
Of which, for Church building, 21 7-10 per cent., - - - - -	13,640 25	
Of which, for salaries and current expenses, 45 8-10 per cent , - - -	28,721 10	
Of which, miscellaneous expenditures, 7 8-10 per cent., - - - - -	4,863 96	
TOTAL FOR DIOCESAN OBJECTS—		
In 38 Parishes and Missions, - - - -		2,946 10
For Diocesan Missions, in 35 Parishes and Missions, - - - - -	$1,884 16	
For Diocesan Assessment, 21 Parishes and Missions, - - - -	371 58	
For Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund in 21 Parishes and Missions, - - -	147 78	
For other objects in 6 Parishes and Missions,	542 58	
TOTAL FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE—		
In 34 Parishes and Missions - - -		1,802 63
For Domestic Missions in 32 Par. and Mis.,	$772 44	
" Foreign " " 27 " "	266 77	
" Freedmen " " 15 " "	80 88	
" Indian " " 11 " "	73 02	
" the Soc. I. of M. " 10 " "	147 52	
" Nashotah " 5 " "	78 78	
" Faribault " 1 Parish, - -	12 50	
" Nebraska Divinity School in 1 Parish, -	44 00	
" Societies for the conversion of the Jews in 3 Parishes, - - - -	11 40	
For N. Y. B and C. P. Soc. in 14 Parishes and Missions, - - - -	88 25	
For other objects, mostly to Domestic Missionaries, in 4 Parishes and Missions, -	227 07	
TOTAL FOR ALL PURPOSES, - - -		$67,136 71
Of which, from Women's Associations, -	$3,145 23	
" " " Sunday Schools, - -	1,209 34	

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Constitution and Canons

OF THE

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IN THE

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PROVISIONALLY ADOPTED IN THE PRIMARY CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE, AND FINALLY ADOPTED IN THE THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION, MAY 31, A. D. 1877, AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SAME.

TITLES.

OF THE ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION, AND OF THE CANONS.

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Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

ADOPTING THE GENERAL CONSTITUTION.

The Church in the Diocese of Western Michigan, being a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

There shall be a Convention of the Church in this Diocese on the Wednesday after the last Sunday in May, in each year, at ten o'clock A. M., unless otherwise provided by a previous Convention, and at such place as shall in like manner be appointed. But if the place shall not be appointed by the preceding Convention, it shall be determined by the Bishop of the Diocese, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee. The Bishop and the Standing Committee, (or the Standing Committee in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate,) shall have power to change the time and place of the meeting of the Convention, when circumstances render it necessary; *Provided*, that fifteen days' notice of such change be given. The Bishop, with such Clergymen and Lay Delegates as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; *Provided*, that in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or of the absence of the Bishop, such Clergymen and Lay Delegates as shall duly assemble, shall constitute a quorum; but in the latter case, only so far as to adjourn to the next day, at which time, if the Bishop be not present, the members shall elect a President *pro tempore*, from among the Presbyters present, and proceed to business.

ARTICLE III.

OF SPECIAL CONVENTIONS.

The Bishop, or if the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee, shall have power, when he, or they, may judge it requisite for the good of the Church, to call a special Convention; *Provided*; That not less than thirty days' notice be given of the same; such meeting to be holden where the authority calling it shall determine.

ARTICLE IV.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION.

The Bishop shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, and in case of a tie, shall give the casting vote. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or of the Bishop's inability to act, or of his necessary absence, the members shall elect a President *pro tempore*, from among the Presbyters present.

ARTICLE V.

OF THE OPENING SERVICES OF THE CONVENTION.

Every Convention, at its first Morning Session, shall be opened with The Morning Prayer, and there shall be a celebration of the Holy Communion. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to deliver his Annual Charge or Address, or to appoint one of the Clergy to preach, at the opening of the Convention. If the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee shall make such appointment.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION.

SEC. 1. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen, o Laymen who shall be Communicants in a Church in union wit the Convention of this Diocese, and of Lay Delegates fro Organized Missions; *Provided*, that in a vote by Parishes, th latter shall not vote. Every Clergyman of the Church, of wha ever Order, not under discipline, being a settled Minister of som Parish within this Diocese, or being a President, Professor, Tuto or Instructor in some College, Academy or Seminary of Learnin constituted by civil or ecclesiastical authority, or being a Mi sionary under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority of thi Diocese, or a Chaplain in the Army or Navy of the Unite States, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, i he have been actually and personally, as well as Canonically resident within the Diocese for the space of six calendar month before a meeting of the Convention, and has for the same perio been employed in performing the duties of his station, or has bee Canonically instituted; *Provided*, that any Clergyman who ha for less than said period of six months, been personally and Canonically a resident of this Diocese and in charge of a Parish,

may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting in any Convention, be admitted to a seat and vote in such Convention; *Provided*, also, that no Clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence with the permission of the Bishop, or, if the Episcopate be vacant, of the Standing Committee, be deprived of such privilege.

SEC. 2. Every Parish in this Diocese which has, or hereafter shall, by its Charter or Articles of Association, expressly accede to the Constitution, Canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, may be admitted into Union with this Convention, and shall be entitled to send to the Convention a Lay Delegate or Delegates, not exceeding three, to be chosen by the Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish; a certificate of whose appointment, signed by one of the Wardens, or by the Secretary of the Vestry, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention; *Provided*, that no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate unless he be a stated worshipper, and Communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and no person under process of ecclesiastical censure shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention.

SEC. 3. No Parish shall be admitted to representation of any kind in the Convention which has not paid in full the last two assessments due from it to the Treasury of the Diocese.

SEC. 4. When two or more Churches are united under one Vestry, delegates may be sent for each Church, subject to the provisions as aforesaid. The deputation from each Church shall be entitled to one vote, and no more. No deputation from any Church shall be entitled to a vote at the same Convention at which the Church shall be admitted, but, if a majority of the members present agree, they may have a seat in said Convention; and no Clergyman who has not been for six months next preceding the Convention Canonically resident in the Diocese, shall vote on the election of a Bishop.

ARTICLE VII.

OF THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION, AND OF VOTES.

The Clergy and Lay Delegates in Convention shall deliberate in one body, and shall vote as such, except when it is required otherwise by five members. In such case, the concurrence of both Orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure; and on every question the vote of a majority of those present, or, if required by five, the votes of a majority of those present of the two Orders respectively, shall decide; and in all questions, when

required by five members, the vote shall be by Parishes, and each Parish shall have one vote. If a Parish is equally divided, the vote shall be recorded in the negative.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Convention shall elect annually by ballot, a Standing Committee, to consist of four Presbyters and three Laymen, Communicants of the Church, who, when there is no Bishop, or he is incapable of acting, shall perform such duties, not peculiar to the Episcopate, as are in the Constitution and Canons assigned to the Bishop. The Standing Committee shall have authority to fill all vacancies that may occur during the recess of the Convention in their own body or in any Committee appointed to sit in the recess of the Convention, and also in such other offices as are held by annual election.

ARTICLE IX.

OF THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

The election of a Bishop or Assistant Bishop shall be made in an Annual Convention, or in a special Convention called for the purpose at least sixty days before the time appointed, the object being stated by notice in writing, and sent by the Secretary of the Standing Committee to every Clergyman and Vestry in the Diocese; and such election shall require a majority of the votes of the Clergymen and of the Lay Delegates entitled to seats in the Convention, voting by Parishes; *Provided*, that two-thirds of all the Clergy and two-thirds of all the Parishes entitled to vote be present; *otherwise*, two-thirds of the votes of the Clergymen and of the Parishes shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE SECRETARY, TREASURER AND REGISTRAR.

At each Annual Convention a Secretary (who shall be a member of the Convention,) and also a Treasurer and Registrar shall be elected by ballot. Their duties shall be those required by the Canons, Resolutions and Rules of Order of the Convention, and they shall remain in office until their successors are chosen.

ARTICLE XI.

OF ALTERING THE CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be altered in the following manner only: The proposed alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Annual Convention, and, if approved by a majority of each Order, shall lie over to the next Convention, and if then approved by a majority of each Order, the Constitution shall stand altered or amended as proposed.

Canons.

CANON I.

OF A LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 1. On or before the day of meeting of the Convention, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, shall cause to be prepared a List of all Ministers Canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective Cures or Parishes, or Stations as Missionaries, or of the Institutions of Learning duly incorporated in which they are engaged; but no Clergyman while suspended from the Ministry shall have a place on such List. The List thus made shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of the Clerical Members called therefrom. The same shall be prefixed to the Journal, and sent to the Secretary of the General Convention.

SEC. 2. It shall be in the power of the Convention to revise and correct this List, in accordance with the Constitution and Canons.

SEC. 3. Notice of the meeting of any Convention shall be given by the Secretary in a written or printed letter, transmitted by mail at the expense of the Convention to every Clergyman in the Diocese and to the Wardens in every vacant Parish and Mission, at least one month before the time of meeting. This letter shall contain a notice of the time and place of holding the Convention, extracts from the Constitution relating to the appointment of Lay Delegates, and a form of Certificate of their Election.

Whenever, under the provision of the Constitution, a Special Convention is called for any particular purpose, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in the notice thereof, to specify such purpose.

CANON II.

OF THE OPENING OF THE CONVENTION, AND THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 1. Each session of the Convention shall be opened with prayer, the Morning session with the Daily Morning Prayer. On the first day, the Order of Business shall be as follows:

1st. The President having taken the Chair, the Convention shall be called to order, and the Secretary of the preceding Convention (or in his absence the Secretary *pro tempore*, to be elected *viva voce*,) shall call over the names of Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention, and shall enter in the Journal the names of those who are present.

2d. The names of the Parishes entitled to representation shall be called, and the Lay Delegates from each shall present their Certificates of Election, which shall be referred to a committee of two Clergymen to report thereon.

3d. On the acceptance of their report, the roll of the Lay Delegates elected shall be called, and the President shall declare the Convention organized.

4th. Irregular and defective Certificates shall be reported to the Convention, which shall decide on the admission of the Delegates therein named.

5th. A Secretary shall be elected, who may appoint an assistant subject to the approval of the Convention.

6th. If the Treasurer of the Convention be absent, a Treasurer *pro tempore* shall be elected *viva voce*.

7th. The President shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

On Admission of Churches into Union with the Convention—Consisting of two Clergymen and one Layman.

On the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen—Consisting of three Laymen.

On the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan—Consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen.

On the Report of the Accounts of the Board of Missions—Consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen.

On Unfinished Business—Consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen.

›n Christian Education—Consisting of three Clergymen and Laymen.

›n Canons—Consisting of two Clergymen and two Laymen.

›n Church Literature—Consisting of three Clergymen and Laymen.

th. The Bishop's Address shall then be in order.

th. The Parochial Reports shall then be presented to the ›op.

Oth. The Reports of the Standing Committee, the Board of ssions, the Treasurer of the Convention and of the Fund for d and Infirm Clergy, and the Board of Trustees of the Asso-ion of the Diocese of Western Michigan, shall then be pre-ted and referred to the appropriate Committees.

1th. Miscellaneous business.

SEC. 2. On the second and each subsequent day, the Order of siness shall be as follows:

1. The roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates called.

2. Reading the Minutes of the previous day.

3. Report of the Standing Committees in their order in Rule h.

4. Elections.

5. Reports of Special Committees.

6. Miscellaneous Business.

SEC. 3. The elections of Treasurer of the Convention, Regis-r of the Diocese, Standing Committee, Board of Missions, mbers of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan ›ther than the *Ex-Officio* members of such Association not ex-ding ten in number, and the number to be fixed by resolution ›re the ballot is taken—Deputies to the General Convention, l Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, shall be by lot and in this order: for each election the President shall ›oint Tellers, who shall receive and count the votes, and report › result to the President, who shall declare it to the Convention ›re the next election shall be entered upon. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an election. If › Convention shall be able to finish its business in one day, se elections may take place after all the other business shall ve been transacted.

CANON III.

OF THE ADMISSION OF A CHURCH INTO UNION WITH THE CHURCH IN THIS DIOCESE.

SECTION 1. To entitle a Parish to admission hereafter into Union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, it is required that there be submitted to the Convention of the same, at the stated meeting:

1st. The Articles of Agreement by which they have become incorporated, duly acknowledged with a certificate of the recording thereof, or a copy certified by the Clerk of the County, as of record.

2d. Evidence of the organization under said Articles, to the satisfaction of the Convention.

3d. A Certificate from the Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, from a majority of the Standing Committee, that notice was given to him, or them, at least one month before the Convention, and of his, or their, approval of the incorporation of such Parish.

SEC. 2. Whenever, hereafter, any Parish in Union with the Convention, from a failure to sustain the services of the Church or any other cause, shall, in the judgment of the Bishop of the Diocese, be virtually extinct, he shall report that fact to the Convention, with such recommendation for its final action as he may deem best.

Such Parish, however, may be re-admitted upon application to the Convention, accompanied by a report of its condition, and on such terms as shall appear just; such re-admission to take effect from and after the rising of the Convention consenting to such admission.

CANON IV.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

SEC. 1. At the first meeting of the Standing Committee which shall be on the day of their election, they shall choose one of their Clerical members to be President, and another of the members to be Secretary. At all meetings, a majority of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Committee to keep a faithful record of all their proceedings, in a book provided for that purpose, and report such proceedings to the Convention, at its annual meeting; to preserve the original of all papers and letters addressed to the Committee; to attest their acts, and to deliver to his successor all books and papers which, in virtue of his office,

may have been committed to him. The minutes of the Committee, and all papers in their hands relative to the Church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop, and of the Convention.

CANON V.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

SEC. 1. The duties of the Secretary of the Convention shall be to take minutes of the proceedings, which shall be copied in a book kept for that purpose; to preserve the journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention which may be in his possession. He shall also transmit copies of the Journal of the Convention to the Clergymen and Parishes in the Diocese, one of which it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Vestry of each Parish to preserve with the Parish records.

SEC. 2. Any expense incurred by a compliance with the foregoing section, shall be paid out of the General Fund.

CANON VI.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and manage all funds which may at any time belong to the Convention, and to lay before the Convention an annual statement of all such funds.

CANON VII.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE REGISTRAR.

SEC. 1. The duties of the Registrar shall be to receive and safely keep all books, documents and manuscripts belonging to the Diocese and not required to be kept by any other person or officer. He shall also collect and preserve such materials as can be obtained relative to the history of the Diocese, and of particular Parishes, and shall catalogue and classify all books, documents and papers, so as to make their contents accessible for reference.

SEC. 2. He shall also keep a book containing a record of all Consecrations of Churches, of all Ordinations, of all Sentences and Acts of Deposition for offences in the Diocese, of all admissions and dismissals of Clergy into or from the Diocese, and of all deaths of Clergy belonging thereto.

SEC. 3. He shall annually report to the Convention, showing, with such details as may seem expedient, the condition of the collections in his hands, and the additions made to them from time to time, with such suggestions as he may deem proper concer

the preservation, arrangement and increase, and concerni[illegible] the best method of securing to the Church a knowledge of matters of importance contained therein.

CANON VIII.

OF PARISH REGISTERS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

SEC. 1. In every congregation the Church Wardens shall [illegible] pr[illegible] vide a proper book in which the Minister, or if the Parish[illegible] vacant, one of the Wardens, shall record the name and dat[illegible] e [illegible] the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the par[illegible] ent[illegible] and sponsors; the name of the adult baptized, and the nam[illegible] e o[illegible] names of the witness or witnesses; the names of the per- sons confirmed; of persons married, and of witnesses to [illegible] mar- riages; together with a list of all the Communicants in the Par- ish, with the date of every event recorded, all of which sha[illegible] l be under the signature of the person recording. From this Re[illegible] ister there shall annually be presented to the Bishop, on or befor[illegible] e the first day of the Convention, by the Minister, or if there [illegible] e no Minister, by one of the Wardens, an accurate statement [illegible] f the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals and persons confi[illegible] rmed and admitted to the Holy Communion, and the number of Com- municants, since the last report; also of the number of the pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday School instru[illegible] ction in the Parish; also the value of the Church property, the cur- rent expenses of the Parish, and all other moneys raised for pur- poses in or outside of the Parish, during the past year, and the indebtedness of the Parish; together with such other partic[illegible] ulars as may throw light on the condition of the Parish, as sha[illegible] l be prescribed by the form of Parochial Report issued by orde[illegible] r of the Bishop.

CANON IX.

OF THE VESTRY.

SEC. 1. In every Church of this Diocese, there shall be [illegible] annual election, on Easter Monday or Tuesday, of a Vestry, [illegible] sisting of not less than five, nor more than ten members, [illegible] shall continue in office until their successors are appointed. [illegible] of these Vestrymen, who shall be Communicants, shall be pointed to serve as Wardens. In the absence of the Rector, Vestry shall elect one of the Wardens to preside at the meet[illegible] but if neither be present, one of their own number. The [illegible] try, at their first meeting, shall elect a Secretary and Treasu[illegible] to continue in office until their successors be appointed, or [illegible] be removed by the Vestry. The Secretary shall note and rec[illegible] in a book provided for that purpose, the minutes of their [illegible] ceedings, attest the public acts of the Vestry, preserve all rec[illegible]

and papers belonging to the Parish, and perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and documents belonging to the Parish that may be in his possession. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected by the Vestry, and pay the same to the order of one of the Wardens.

SEC. 2. In electing a Vestry at the first organization of a Parish, no person shall be entitled to a vote who has not signed the Articles of Parochial Association; or a declaration in writing, to be kept in a book of minutes, whereby he shall signify his intention of attaching himself to said Church, and accepting the terms of such Articles. And at all subsequent elections, the right of voting shall be confined to the persons who become actually entitled to vote at the first meeting, and to such other male persons of full age as have during the year previous been stated worshippers in such Church, and owned or rented a seat therein, or been stated contributors to its support.

SEC. 3. No person shall be elected Vestryman who is not a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected.

SEC. 4. If any Vestryman shall be guilty of scandalous or immoral conduct, or shall be notoriously immoral in his general character, the Vestry shall have the power, on being satisfied of his guilt, to expel him, provided always that at least two-thirds concur in such expulsion, and that the person expelled shall have a right to appeal to the Bishop.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the property of the Church, to regulate all its temporal concerns, to elect and call a Minister and provide for his maintenance, to keep order in the Church during the celebration of Divine Worship, and in general to act as helpers to the Minister in whatever is appropriate for Laymen, for the furtherance of the Gospel; it being understood always, that the Spiritual concerns of the Church are under the exclusive direction of the Minister, in subordination to the Ecclesiastical Authority and laws of the Diocese.

It shall be the duty of the Wardens, especially, to provide the elements for the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister, to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the Congregation by occasional Clerical services, or by Lay-reading, as circumstances permit.

(This Canon only to apply to those Parishes that are now incorporated, so far as it does not interfere with the provisions of their charters.)

CANON X.

OF CLERICAL SETTLEMENT AND REMOVAL, AND OF VACANT CHURCHES.

SEC. 1. On the election of a Minister to any Church or Parish the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, c where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, notice c the same.

SEC. 2. Whenever a Church becomes vacant, it shall be th duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bisho

SEC. 3. The Bishop may appoint those of the Clergy in th Diocese who can with most convenience discharge the duty, t supply such vacant Parishes at such time as may be deemed co venient and proper. It shall be the duty of such vacant Churc es thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incidental to such o casional services.

CANON XI.

OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

SEC. 1. At the Annual Convention next preceding any state General Convention, there shall be elected, by ballot, four Cle gymen out of the Presbyters entitled to seats in the Convention and who have Parochial or Missionary charges, and four Laymen who shall be Communicants in some Church in union with th Diocese, to act as Deputies from this Diocese to the General Co vention, which Deputies shall continue in office for the term c three years. And it shall be the duty of the Deputies elect, t signify to the Bishop, on some day at least three weeks before th meeting of the General Convention, whether they will attend c not to the duties of their office; in default of which significatio or in the case of the declining of any to attend the General Co vention, the Standing Committee, on notification from the Bisho shall proceed to appoint as many Clerical or Lay Deputies as ma be necessary to constitute a full representation of the Dioces and the person or persons so delegated, being furnished with certificate of the Secretary of the Standing Committee, shall hav all the rights of Deputies elected by the Convention. In case c a vacancy in the Episcopate, the notification on the part of th Deputies elect, as above required, shall be made to the Presider of the Standing Committee. If any Deputies, as above, sha fail to attend the General Convention, the Bishop, with the co currence of such delegates as may be present, may appoint, to fi the vacancies, such persons as are entitled to seats in the Co vention of this Diocese.

CANON XII.

OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

SEC. 1. The Association of the Diocese of Western Michiga

having been duly organized as a Body Corporate under the laws of the State of Michigan, and auxiliary to the Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, it is hereby made the Agent and Custodian of the said Diocese for the investment and management of all permanent funds of said Diocese, which may be entrusted to it from time to time by the Convention.

SEC. 2. All conveyances shall be made to, and title to all real estate belonging to said Diocese shall vest in, this Association, to be held in trust for such purposes as its Articles provide, or as the Convention may by Canons or Resolutions direct.

SEC. 3. All bonds, notes, securities, insurance policies, and other evidences of debt, belonging to the Diocese, shall be taken, held and conveyed in the name of said Association.

CANON XIII.

OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

SEC. 1. The care and management of the Fund for the Support of the Bishop of the Diocese, now provided, together with that which may hereafter be contributed, and any accumulation upon the investment thereof, shall be entrusted to the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

SEC. 2. The income of the Fund, equal to the designated amount of the Bishop's salary, shall be paid by the Treasurer of said Board to the Bishop, quarterly; and to provide for any deficiency in said income, the Treasurer of the said Board, together with the Lay members of the Standing Committee and the Treasurer of the Diocese, shall annually assess upon the Parishes of the Diocese, at a uniform rate per cent. based upon the current expenses, including Rector's salary, the full amount that may be needed for the salary of the Bishop.

SEC. 3. The principal of said Episcopal Fund shall be loaned by the said Trustees, upon security of real estate, appraised at double the amount loaned thereon, exclusive of buildings, or invested in Bonds of the United States or of this State, at their discretion; and they shall have power from time to time to change such investments. All securities and investments shall be taken or made in the name of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

SEC. 4. A statement, exhibiting the condition of the said Fund and securities, shall be reported to each Annual Convention.

CANON XIV.

OF AID FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, AND WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THE CLERGY.

SEC. 1. A fund shall be established, to be known as "The Christmas Fund," to aid aged and infirm Clergymen, and widows and orphans of the Clergy of this Diocese. It is hereby made the duty of every Parish to make an annual offering for this fund, on Christmas day, or the Sunday preceding or succeeding Christmas day.

The amount offered by each Parish shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese, who shall also be the Treasurer of this Fund; and if more money be raised than the present necessity requires, such surplus shall be safely invested by the Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the income of which shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Diocese upon his order.

SEC. 2. All appropriations from this fund shall be made by the Standing Committee, with the approval of the Bishop, under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Committee; but in no case shall the total appropriation exceed the aggregate of the offerings and income for the year next preceding.

SEC. 3. It is hereby made the duty of the Treasurer to transmit to each of the Clergy of the Diocese annually, within the first week of the Advent season, a printed copy of this Canon.

CANON XV.

OF LAY READERS.

SEC. 1. No person shall be considered as authorized to officiate statedly as a Lay reader in this Diocese, without a written license from the Bishop, or, in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, from the Standing Committee; and Lay-readers shall in all cases, conform to the provisions of Title I, Canon 9, and Title I, Canon 3 Section 4, Digest of the Canons of the General Convention.

CANON XVI.

OF THE GENERAL FUND.

SEC. 1. In order to provide for a General Fund, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese and the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, with the Lay Members of the Standing Committee, to make an estimate, as soon as may be conveniently done, after each Annual Session of the Diocesan Convention, of the amount of money that will be needed the ensuing year to meet the current

expenses, and the expenses of the Convention, adding thereto the liabilities of the Diocese chargeable to said fund, if there be any.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to assess the amount thus agreed upon, on the Parishes in union with the Convention at the rate of a uniform per cent. on "The current expenses of the Parish (including the Rector's salary)"—not including any amount that may have been given to the Parish or its Minister by the Missionary Board of this Diocese, or by any other Missionary organization.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall notify each Parish of the quota thus assigned to it, and it shall be the duty of the Wardens and Vestry of each Parish to see that the amount thus due the Diocese shall be forwarded to the Treasurer in quarterly installments, one quarter of the amount being sent on the first days of August, of November, of February and of May, respectively.

SEC. 4. The apportionment of the quota above described shall be made on the last report from each Parish.

CANON XVII.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN, NOT BEING A BISHOP.

Whenever any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop thereof, shall become "liable to presentment and trial" under the provisions of any Canon of the General or Diocesan Convention, the mode of proceeding in this Diocese shall be as follows, viz:

SEC. 1. The trial shall be on a presentment in writing, addressed to the Bishop of the Diocese, specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances.

Such presentment may be made by the major part in number of the members of the Vestry of any Church of which the accused is Minister, or by any three Presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, or as hereinafter mentioned.

Whenever, from public rumor or otherwise, the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any Clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the Church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint five persons, of whom three at least shall be Presbyters, to examine the case; a majority of whom may make such examination; and if there is, in their opinion, sufficient ground for presentment, they shall present the Clergyman accordingly.

SEC. 2. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop, if the facts charged shall not appear to him to be such as constitute an offence, may dismiss it; or if it allege facts, some of which do, and some of which do not,

constitute an offence, he may allow it in part, and dismiss the residue, or he may permit it to be amended. When it shall be allowed in whole or in part, the Bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate nine Presbyters of this Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused; who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop. And if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within the said thirty days, the Standing Committee shall select five; and the Presbyters so selected shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place (but always within this Diocese), as they shall think necessary.

SEC. 3. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting shall be served, at least thirty days before such meeting, on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment.

SEC. 4. If at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board of Presbyters, the whole number of five shall not attend, then those who do attend may adjourn from time to time, and if after one adjournment or more, it shall appear to them improbable that the whole number will attend within a reasonable time, then those who do attend, not being less than three, shall constitute a Board and proceed to the trial; and a majority of them shall decide all questions.

SEC. 5. If a Clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, and shall not demur thereto, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence; and if he shall not confess them before the appointment of the Board for his trial, as before mentioned, he shall be considered as denying them.

SEC. 6. If a Clergyman presented, after having had due notice, shall not appear before the Board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board may nevertheless proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see fit to adjourn till another day.

SEC. 7. When the Board proceed to the trial, they shall hear such evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses, that they will testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, concerning the facts charged in the presentment. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the pre-

sentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SEC. 8. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him that any material witness can not be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint some Clergyman or Layman to act as Commissioner to take the testimony of such witness. And the party, applying as above, shall give to the other party at least five days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony; and if the person or persons on whom the notice shall be served reside more than forty miles from the place of the examination, an additional day's notice, exclusive of Sunday, shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissioner, and enclosed under his seal and transmitted to the Board, and received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissioner may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

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COMMITTEES TO REPORT TO THE NEXT CONVENTION.

Committee to act jointly with similar committee of Michigan on matters for which Legislative action may be desired.—Messrs. W. B. WILLIAMS, J. W. CHAMPLIN, and G. F. EDWARDS.

Committee to report, if advisable, a Canon to enable a Parish to become a Mission.—Rev. J. F. CONOVER, Rev. Dr. MCMURDY, and Mr. L. C. CHAPIN.

Committee to gather statistics as to the Tenure of Church Property in the Diocese, etc.—Rev. Drs. MCMURDY and SCHETKY, and Mr. JAMES SNOW.

Committee in reference to Parochial organizations for Relief, Assurance and Fraternity, etc.—Rev. JOSEPH S. LARGE, Messrs. C. J. STERLING and M. W. RIKER.

REPRESENTATION OF THE DIOCESE IN THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

By the action of the General Convention of 1877, the Bishop and "members for the time being of the House of Deputies" are, *ex-officio*, members of the Board of Missions. The Local members of the Board in this Diocese have organized "For promoting the work of the Board," and have assigned the work as follows:

LOCAL SECRETARIES.

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Rev. JOSEPH W. BANCROFT, Hastings—For Indian Missions.

Mrs. JULIA M. HADLEY, Hastings—For Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

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N. P. LOVERIDGE,
Secretary.

List of the Clergy

CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

JUNE. 5th, A. D. 1878.

Those marked † not entitled to seats in the Convention.—*Constitution, Art. VI.*
Those in *italics* were absent.

BISHOP.

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, (Consecrated February 24, A. D. 1875.) Residence, Grand Rapids.

PRESBYTERS.

† Almquist, Peter Auguste, Missionary to the Swedes at Grand Rapids and Tustin. P. O., Tustin.

Bancroft, Joseph W., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings.

Barker, Darius. P. O., Paw Paw.

Beckwith, Sidney, Rector of S. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids.

Bishop, Addis E., Rector of Christ Church, S. Joseph, and in charge of Benton Harbor.

Brittain, William, Officiating in S. John's Church, Ionia.

Conover, James F., Rector of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

Cook, Herbert J., Rector of S. Mark's Church, Coldwater.

Foster, Colley A., LL. D., Missionary in the vicinity of Grand Rapids.

† *Huson, Charles R.* P. O., Coldwater.

Knowlton, William H., Rector of Grace Church, Grand Rapids.

Large, Joseph S., Rector of S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids.

Lewis, Albert C., Rector of S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids.

† Magrath, John T., Rector of S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.

Matthias, William, Missionary at Evart, Farwell, and the vicinity. P. O., Evart.

McMurdy, Robert, D. D., LL. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Niles.

Morris, Moseley, Missionary at Newaygo, Coopersville, and the vicinity. P. O., Grand Rapids.

Mortimer, George D. E., Rector of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.

Peters, Gerret E., Rector of S. James Church, Albion.

Prichard, Joseph B., Rector of Grace Church, Ludington, and Missionary at Pentwater. P. O., Ludington.

Safford, ***Henry***, Rector of S. John's Church, Sturgis, and Grace Church, Burr Oak. P. O., Topeka, Kansas.

Scott, Walter, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan.

Spalding, *V.* P. O., Three Rivers.

† **Schetky**, George P., Rector of S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw, and Missionary in VanBuren County.

† **Stout**, Charles T., Rector of S. John's Church, Kalamazoo.

Taylor, John L., Missionary at Eaton Rapids, and Charlotte. P. O., Charlotte.

Taylor, ***J. Rice***, Rector of All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, and Grace Church, Holland. P. O., Saugatuck.

Whittemore, Henry B., Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall.

Wood, Robert, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall.

Woodford, Sidney H., Rector of S. Paul's Church, Muskegon.

DEACON.

Sparling, William Heavener, Officiating in Grace Church, Traverse City.

OFFICIATING IN THE DIOCESE.

Corson, ***Levi H.***, of the Diocese of Michigan, in Christ Church, Homer.

Orpen, ***Samuel C. M.***, of the Diocese of Indiana, in S. John's Church, Sturgis.

SUMMARY.

Number Canonically resident: The Bishop; Presbyters, 30; 1 Deacon	32
Number entitled to seats in the Convention	27
Of whom there were present	20
Number not entitled to seats	5
Of whom there were present	4

POSTULANTS

John Frederick Nitschke, of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo; Admitted June 12, 1875.

CANDIDATES.

FOR PRIEST'S ORDERS.

William Wordsworth Taylor. Admitted September 26, 1876. Divinity School in Philadelphia, Penn.

Eugene Jeffrey Babcock. Admitted September 26, 1876. General Theological Seminary, New York.

Rev. William H. Sparling, (Deacon.) Admitted Feb. 15, 1877.

Charles Taylor Wood. Admitted July 18, 1877. General Theological Seminary, New York.

Horace Gates. Admitted September 15, 1877. Nashotah Theological Seminary.

A List of the Clergy

IN THE ORDER OF THEIR CANONICAL RESIDENCE, WITH THE DATES OF THEIR ORDINATION OR TRANSFER.

The year in parenthesis *attached* to a name shows the beginning of a former residence within the limits of this Diocese.

1864.

Rev. C. A. Foster, LL. D.,
From the Diocese of Indiana.

1865.

Rev. J. W. Bancroft,
O. Sept 19, at Marshall.
O. May 22, 1867, at Hastings.

1866.

Rev. D. Barker.

1867.

Rev. J. R. Taylor, (1859),
From the Diocese of Ohio.

1868.

Rev. S Beckwith.

1869.

Rev. J. B. Prichard.

1870.

Rev. A. C. Lewis.
Rev. G. E Peters.
Rev. H. Safford, (1860),
Dec. 10. From the Diocese of Illinois.
Rev. M. Morris,
Dec. 16. From the Diocese of Wisconsin.

1871.

Rev. C. R. Huson.

1872.

Rev. J. F. Conover,
O. Oct. 13, at Kalamazoo.
Rev. V. Spalding.

1873.

Rev. J. L Taylor.
Rev. S. H. Woodford.

1874.

Rev. Robert Wood, (1856),
O April 15, 1858, at Gr'd Rapids.
Rev. H. B. Whittemore,
From the Diocese of Arkansas

1875.

Right Rev. G. D. Gillespie, D. D.
Cons. Feb. 24, at Grand Rapids.
Rev. W. Scott,
May 1. From the Diocese of Indiana.
Rev. J. S Large,
May 30. From the Diocese of Indiana.
Rev. H. J. Cook,
June 10. From the Diocese of Central New York.

1876.

Rev. W. H. Knowlton,
Jan. 14. From the Diocese of Minnesota.
Rev. R. McMurdy, D. D , LL. D.,
March 10. From the Diocese of Illinois.
Rev. W. Matthias,
O. March 26, at Coldwater.
O. June 13, 1877, at Big Rapids.
Rev. W. Brittain,
Dec. 20. From the Diocese of Maryland.
Rev W. H. Sparling,
O. Dec 31, at Albion.

1877.

Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer,
April 2. From the Diocese of Georgia.
Rev. A. E. Bishop,
April 30. From the Diocese of Indiana.
Rev. P. A. Almquist,
Dec. 17. From the Diocese of Michigan.
Rev. J. T. Magrath,
Dec. 17. From the Diocese of Michigan.
Rev. G. P. Schetky, D. D.,
Dec. 17. From the Diocese of Michigan.
Rev. C. T. Stout,
April 17. From the Diocese of Iowa.

THE CONVOCATION OF GRAND RAPIDS.

Names of Counties.	Population.	Towns having Parishes.	Towns having Missions, or regular Services.	Places where Services are held occasionally.
Antrim,	3,240	Elk Rapids.		
Benzie,	2,003			
Clare,	1,354		Farwell.	
Charlevoix,	2,360			
Emmett,	1,272			
Gr'd Traverse,	5,349	Traverse City.		
Ionia,	28,376	Ionia.		
		Saranac.		
Isabella,	6,059		Mt. Pleasant.	
Kalkaska,	1,259			
Kent,	62,671	Grand Rapids. (3 *Parishes.*)	Grand Rapids. (*Chapel of the Good Shepherd.*)	† *Paris.* *Berlin.*
Lake,	1,813			Baldwin.
Leelenaw,	5,031			Northport.
Manistee,	8,471		Manistee.	
Mason,	5,361	Ludington.		
Meeneta,	9,132	Big Rapids.		
Missaukee,	606			
Montcalm,	20,815	Greenville.		
Muskegon,	19,375	Muskegon.		† *Casnovia.*
		Whitehall.		
Newaygo,	8,758		Newaygo.	
Oceana,	8,300		Pentwater.	
Osceola,	6,216		Evart, Hersey.	
			Tustin.	
Ottawa,	29,929	Grand Haven.	Coopersville.	
		Holland.		
Wexford,	3,011			
23 Counties.	241,481	14 Parishes.	10 Missions	5 other places.

THE CONVOCATION OF KALAMAZOO.

Allegan,	32,381	Allegan.		
		Saugatuck.		Plainwell.
Barry,	22,051	Hastings.		
Berrien,	35,029	Niles		
		St. Joseph.	Benton Harbor.	
Branch,	25,726	Coldwater.		† Quincy.
		Union City.		
Calhoun,	35,655	Marshall.		
		Battle Creek		
		Albion.		
		Homer.		
Cass,	20,525			
Eaton,	26,907		Charlotte	
			Eaton Rapids.	
Kalamazoo,	32,284	Kalamazoo. (2 *Parishes.*)	Kalamazoo. (*Chapel of S. Barnabas.*)	
St Joseph,	25,906	Three Rivers.		
		Mendon.		
		Burr Oak.		
		*Sturgis.		
Van Buren,	29,156	Paw Paw.		† Decatur.
				‡ Lawton.
				Mattawan.
				Pine Grove.
10 Counties.	285,620	18 Parishes.	4 Missions.	6 other places.

Total population of the Diocese, (census of 1874), 527,101.
Names *italicised* are of places where services are for the first time reported.
* **Not yet in union with the Convention.** † Once in two weeks. ‡ Monthly.

A List of Parishes,

IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN, IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ADMISSION.

When Admitted	Parish.	Place.	When Admitted	Parish.	Place.
1834	Trinity,	Niles. *c.*	1866	*S. John's,*	Grand Haven. *a. c.*
1836	S. Mark's,	Grand Rapids. *c.*	1867	*S. Paul's,*	Mendon. *a. d.*
1836	Trinity,	Marshall.	1867	S. Paul's,	Muskegon.
1838	S. Luke's,	Kalamazoo. *c.*	1868	Grace,	Burr Oak *b.*
1840	S. James',	Albion.	1868	*Grace,*	Holland.
1841	*Christ,*	Homer.	1869	*All Saints',*	Saugatuck. *d.*
1841	*S. John's,*	Ionia.	1870	*Redeemer,*	Whitehall.
1843	S. Thomas',	Battle Creek. *c.*	1871	S. Paul's,	Elk Rapids. *b*
1848	S. Mark's,	Coldwater.	1872	Christ,	St. Joseph. *b.*
1851	S. Mark's,	Paw Paw.	1872	*S. Paul's,*	Grand Rapids.
1859	*Good Shepherd,*	Allegan.	1872	S. Paul's,	Greenville. *a. b.*
1859	*Trinity,*	Saranac. *a.*	1873	S. Andrew's,	Big Rapids. *d.*
1860	*S. John's,*	Kalamazoo. *c. d.*	1873	*Grace,*	Ludington. *c.*
1861	*Trinity,*	Three Rivers. *a. d.*	1875	*Grace,*	Grand Rapids.
1864	*Emmanuel,*	Hastings. *d.*	1877	*Grace,*	Traverse City.
1865	Grace,	Union City. *a. d.*			

Number of Parishes, 31.

Parishes italicised do not rent pews.

a. Has no Rector. *b.* Has no Church Edifice. *c.* Has a Rectory. *d.* Church not Consecrated.

Journal.

The members of the Fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, assembled in S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, on Wednesday the fifth day of June, A. D. 1878, and were called to order at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Canonical List of the Clergy was presented by Bishop Gillespie, and, upon call, eighteen Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention were found to be present, viz:

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.

The Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft.	The Rev. Moseley Morris.
The Rev. Sidney Beckwith.	The Rev. George D. E. Mortimer.
The Rev. Addis E. Bishop.	The Rev. Gerret E. Peters.
The Rev. William Brittain.	The Rev. Joseph B. Prichard.
The Rev. James F. Conover.	The Rev. Walter Scott.
The Rev. Herbert J. Cook.	The Rev. John L. Taylor.
The Rev. William H. Knowlton.	The Rev. Henry B. Whittemore.
The Rev. Joseph S. Large.	The Rev. Robert Wood.
The Rev. Robert McMurdy.	The Rev. Sidney H. Woodford.

And four not so entitled:

The Rev. P. Auguste Almquist.	The Rev. Geo. P. Schetky.
The Rev. John T. Magrath.	The Rev. Charles T. Stout.

The lists of Parishes in union with the Convention, and of Organized Missions, were called, and the Lay Delegates presented their certificates of election.

The Rev. Messrs. Sidney Beckwith and Moseley Morris were appointed by the Chair a Committee to examine and report upon the credentials of the Lay Delegates.

An invitation was accepted for an excursion at the close of the Afternoon Session to Lake Goguac.

The hour for Divine Service having come, a recess was taken until the hour of 2 o'clock P. M.

Divine Service.

Morning Prayer to the end of the Psalter, (Selection VIII.) was said by the Rev. Charles T. Stout.

The First Lesson, Isaiah XLIX., was read by the Rev. William H. Sparling.

The Second Lesson, S. Mathew X. to v. 24, was read by the Rev. William Brittain.

The Nicene Creed and Collects were said by the Rev. P. Auguste Almquist.

The Litany was said by the Rev. Geo. P. Schetky, D. D.

The Bishop read the Ante-Communion Service, and delivered a part of his Annual Address.

The Offertory Sentences and Prayer for the Church Militant, were read by the Rector of the Parish, Rev. John T. Magrath.

The Offering was in aid of the Fund to assist candidates for Orders. $22.48.

The Exhortations and Confession were read by the Rev. Jos. B. Prichard.

The Bishop continued the Service as Celebrant, consecrating and administering to the Clergy.

The Rev's Joseph S. Large and Joseph B. Prichard administered to the Laity, the former of whom said the Prayers of the Post-Communion. The Bishop pronouncing the Benediction of Peace.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention reassembled. Prayers were said by the Bishop. The Committee on the Credentials of the Lay Delegates presented the following

REPORT.

Your Committee reports that the Certificates of Election referred to its examination are, with one exception, in due form, and the following named persons are Canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, viz., from

* Allegan—Church of the Good Shepherd—W. B. Williams and Alanson Lilly.

Battle Creek—S. Thomas' Church—Charles F. Bock, James W. Wood and Clement Wakelee.

Coldwater—S. Mark's Church—N. P. Loveridge and D. S. Harrington.

Grand Rapids—Grace Church—Henry P. Burgwin and Alonzo H. Fowle.

Grand Rapids—S. Mark's Church—Alonzo Platt, William R. Shelby and Frederick A. Gorham.

Grand Rapids—S. Paul's Memorial Church—John B. Folger.

Hastings—Emmanuel Church—David G. Robinson.

Holland—Grace Church—Henry C. Matrau.

Homer—Christ Church—Mason Gibbs and George Westcott.

Kalamazoo—S. John's Church—John McKee, Edwin W. DeYoe.

Kalamazoo—S. Luke's Church—Theo. P. Sheldon, David Fisher and Lebeus C. Chapin.

Marshall—Trinity Church—John H. Montgomery, William R. Schuyler and H. A. Tillotson.

Muskegon—S. Paul's Church—James Snow.

Niles—Trinity Church—George F. Edwards and Charles J. Sterling.

Saugatuck—All Saints' Church—Alfred B. Taylor.

Three Rivers—Trinity Church—William W. Rea.

Traverse City—Grace Church—E. L. Sprague.

Whitehall—Church of the Redeemer—Thomas Woodhams.

The Committee report further, that the Certificate of election from the Parish of Grace Church, Union City, is defective, inasmuch as it does not state that the Delegate-elect, Mr. H. C. Mead, is a communicant of the Church in that Parish.

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY BECKWITH.
MOSELEY MORRIS.

The report was accepted.

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* The list contains the names of those only who were present at the Convention.

Credentials were presented from the Parishes of Grace, Burr Oak—Grace, Ludington—S. Mark's, Paw Paw—and S. James' Mission, Pentwater; but no Delegates from them attended the Convention.

No Credentials were presented from the Parishes of S. James', Albion—S. Andrew's, Big Rapids—S. Paul's, Elk Rapids—S. John's, Grand Haven—S. Paul's, Greenville—S. John's, Ionia—S. Paul's, Mendon—Trinity, Saranac—and Christ, St. Joseph.

Upon calling the roll eighteen Parishes were found to be represented by twenty-nine delegates.

Whereupon the Chair declared the Convention duly organized, and ready for business.

On motion, Mr. H. C. Mead was granted a seat as Delegate from Grace Church, Union City, he having assured the Convention that he is a Communicant of the Church.

The election of Secretary being in order, the Chair appointed the Rev. W. H. Sparling and Mr. Henry C. Matrau, Tellers.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast, 46; the Rev. J. W. Bancroft has received 45 votes and is elected.

W. H. SPARLING,
H. C. MATRAU,
Tellers.

The Secretary desired the assent of the Convention to the appointment of the Rev. Sidney Beckwith as Assistant Secretary; which was given.

On motion of the Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer, the General Rules of Order printed on pages 14 and 15 of the Journal of 1877, were adopted for the governance of this Convention.

GENERAL RULES OF ORDER.

I. In case the Bishop shall withdraw from the sittings of the Convention, he shall appoint a Presbyter to preside during his absence.

II. Before the final adjournment of the Convention, the minutes of the session about to close shall be read and corrected, and signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary.

III. No resolution shall be entertained until it shall have been reduced to writing; and no motion shall be considered as before the Convention until it is seconded; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President.

IV. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to post-

pone it indefinitely; to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. A motion to adjourn and a motion to lay on the table shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate. *

V. A question being decided shall not be reconsidered at the same annual session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present; nor without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision.

VI. Every member present when a motion is put shall vote thereon, unless excused by the Convention.

VII. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the Journal. (Concerning the vote by Orders, see Constitution, Article VII.)

VIII. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

IX. When a member desires to speak, he shall rise and address the President in an audible voice. If more than one member rise, the President shall determine the preference.

X. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Convention.

XI. No member shall withdraw from the Convention, without leave asked and voted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. McMurdy:

Resolved, That the Clergymen of the Diocese not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen from other Dioceses, Candidates for Holy Orders, and Delegates from Missions not entitled to representation, who may be present, are hereby invited to seats in this Convention.

The invitation was accepted by the Rev. A. W. Mann, of the Diocese of Ohio, a Missionary at large to Deaf Mutes, now laboring in eleven Dioceses.

* Rule IV. was afterwards slightly amended. It is here given as amended.

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... COMMITTEES.

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... *of the Convention, and of the Fund*
...—Mr. E. W. DeYoe, Mr. J. H. Mont-

... *Trustees of the Association of the*
Rev. Walter Scott, Rev. Joseph S.
Mr. W. R. Shelby, and Mr. D. S. Har

... *the Board of Missions*—Rev. J. B.
...rtimer, Mr. J. B. Folger, Mr. W. R.

... Rev. William H. Knowlton, Mr. A. B.

... Rev. H. J. Cook, Rev. S. H. Woodford,
... W. Wood, Mr. E. E. Beardsley.

..., Rev. R. McMurdy, D. D., LL. D.,
... Edwards.

... E. Peters, Rev. H. B. Whittemore,
... Bergwin, and Mr. H. A. Tillotson.

... E. Mortimer,

... meet to-morrow at 8 A. M., and take

The Bishop read the statistical portion of his Annual Address, after which he received the Parochial Reports.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. McMurdy,

Resolved, That so much of the Address of the Bishop of the Diocese as refers to "Aid to Candidates for the Holy Ministry" be referred to a special committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen.

The Chair appointed as such committee the Revs. J. T. Magrath and C. T. Stout, and Messrs. C. J. Sterling and H. C. Matrau.

The Annual Report of the Standing Committee was then read.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

May 31, 1877.—The Committee met in Trinity Church, Niles, and organized by electing Rev. William Stowe, President, and Rev. J. F. Conover, Secretary.

Aug. 13.—The Committee met in S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, and gave consent to the mortgaging of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids; recommended Mr. Horace Gates as a candidate for Holy Orders; made an appropriation of $50.00 to Rev. Darius Barker and $100.00 to Rev. V. Spalding for the ensuing year, from the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and requested the Bishop to recommend to the Committee annually such persons as in his judgment should be aided from this fund.

Sept. 11.—The Committee met in S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, and having been notified by the Bishop that Rev. A. C. Lewis, and Messrs. W. B. Williams and J. H. Montgomery, Deputies-elect to the General Convention, could not attend its meeting, chose Rev. William Stowe, George Woodruff, Esq., and Noah P. Loveridge, Esq., in their stead.

Jan. 30, 1878.—The Committee met in S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids. On recommendation of the Bishop, $50 00 additional, was voted Rev. D. Barker, from the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy. The Committee also gave consent to the consecration of Rev. James Houston Eccleston, D D., Bishop-elect of West Virginia, and declined consent to the consecration of Rev. George Fox Seymour, D. D., Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Springfield.

April 3.—The Committee met in S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo. In response to a suggestion from the Bishop, who had been spoken to by some of the Clergy, the Committee consented to a change of time for

holding the Annual Convention, so that the high Festival Day would not be included in its sessions. The Commit sent to the mortgaging of Grace Church, Holland, by wh ing claim held against the Parish by Heber Walsh was The Committee also gave consent to the consecration of der Burgess, D. D., Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Quin Geo. W. Peterkin, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of West V

June 5.—The Committee met in S. Thomas' Church, The resignation of Rev. Wm. Stowe, as President of th in consequence of his removal from the Diocese, was rea ed. The report of the proceedings of the past year, pre Secretary for the Convention, was read and adopted.

J. F. CON

On motion the Report of the Board of Missions v until the Evening Session.

The Treasurer of the Convention and of the Fu and Infirm Clergymen their Widows and Orphans, objects outside the Diocese, then presented his

ANNUAL REPORTS.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer,

In Account with the Diocese of Western

1877-8.

Cash balance from last year	
" from Church of Good Shepherd, Allegan	
" " S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek	
" " S. Mark's Church, Coldwater	
" " S. Paul's Church, Courtland	
" " S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids	
" " Grace Church, Grand Rapids	
" " S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids	
" " S. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids	
" " Emmanuel Church, Hastings	
" " Grace Church, Holland	
" " S. John's Church, Ionia	
" " S. John's Church, Kalamazoo	
" " S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo	
" " Grace Church, Ludington	
" " Trinity Church, Marshall	
" " S. Paul's Church, Muskegon	
" " Trinity Church, Niles	
" " S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw	
" " All Saints' Church, Saugatuck	
" " Trinity Church, Three Rivers	
" " Christ Church, St. Joseph	
" " Grace Church, Traverse City	
" " Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall	

CONTRA.

		Cr.
By	Rev. Wm. Stowe's bill	$ 2 98
"	" J. T. Webster's bill for printing	3 00
"	" S. Beckwith's bill for stationery	4 00
"	" J. W. Bancroft's bill	31 52
"	Doygert, Buff & Rice's bill for printing Journals	213 00
"	Cash sent Treasurer of General Convention	90 20
"	" Paid over to Treasurer Diocesan Missions	4 11
"	Paid for printing blanks	1 25
"	" for exchange, postal cards and stamps	8 68
"	" "Our Dioceses,"	1 00
"	" for printing circulars	1 00
		$360 74
	Cash on hand	352 53
		$713 27

June 5th, 1878.

T. P. SHELDON,
Treasurer.

LIST OF DELINQUENT PARISHES.

	1876-7.	1877-8.
St. James' Church, Albion	$22 66	$10 18
St. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids	18 15	27 00
St. John's Church, Grand Haven	13 07	16 87
St. Paul's Church, Greenville	21 98	3 33
Grace Church, Grand Rapids	—	9 78
St. Paul's Church, Mendon	18 02	3 50
St. Paul's Church, Muskegon	26 25	9 60
Christ Church, St. Joseph	5 82	2 92
Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall	6 25	—

Report of the Treasurer of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen:

1877-8.

		Dr.
Cash	Balance from last year	$368 21
"	Received for Hickin's mortgage and interest	220 00
"	" for interest on Hawley mortgage	15 00
"	" for interest on Pollock mortgage	21 00
"	" for interest on Harris mortgage	70 00
"	" from Trinity Church, Niles	10 00
"	" from Grace Church, Ludington	2 00
"	" S. John's Church, Grand Haven	4 50
"	" S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek	12 47
"	" S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw	2 00
"	" Emmanuel Church, Hastings	8 24
"	" S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo	14 77
"	" Grace Church, Grand Rapids	3 85
"	" S. James' Church, Albion	2 00
"	" S. John's Church, Kalamazoo	8 41
"	" S. Mark's Church, Coldwater	17 00
"	" Christ Church, Homer	2 50
"	" Grace Church, Traverse City	4 00
"	" Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall	2 00
"	" Grace Mission, Charlotte	1 65
"	" S. Mark's Mission, Newaygo	1 75
"	" Epiphany Mission, Coopersville	75
"	" S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids	56 48
"	" Mrs. Mosser, of Trinity Church, Three Rivers	5 00
"	" S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids	4 50
"	" Trinity Church, Marshall	13 51
"	" Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan	3 60
"	" S. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids	8 80
"	" S. Mark's Church, Coldwater	1 50
		$885 40

Cr.

By cash paid Rev. Darius Barker.....$112 80
" " " V. Spalding..... 125 00
Cash in hand..... 647 99
$885 49

SECURITIES IN HAND.

Levi Harris' note and mortgage.....$1,000 00
Truman Hawley's note and mortgage..... 150 00
Permelia Pollock's note and mortgage..... 210 00
$1,360 00

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. SHELDON,
Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer for Objects Outside of the Diocese, for 1873—8:

PARISH.	TOWN.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indian Missions.	Colored Missions.	Relief Fund of Gen'l B. of M.	Conversion of the Jews.	Increase of the Ministry.	Bible and P. Book Society.	Nashotah.
S. James'...	Albion.....	3 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. Shepherd	Allegan.....	2 50	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Thomas'.	Battle Creek.	20 62	10 31	4 50	.....	.....	.....	12 75	3 05	.....
Grace.....	Charlotte.....	1 65	1 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 70
S. Mark's...	Coldwater....	25 66	12 04	12 10	9 45	.....	.....	6 50	.....	.....
Epiphany...	Coopersville..	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Matthias'	Eaton Rapids	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. John's...	Evart	.....	.....	43	83	.....	.....	40	.....	.....
Trinity.....	Farwell.....	.....	.....	1 07	1 60	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
G. Shepherd	Gra'd Rapids	2 53	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace.....	Gra'd Rapids	.....	.....	2 70	2 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Mark's...	Gra'd Rapids	29 38	67 14	.....	18 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Emmanuel..	Hastings.....	6 50	10 94	.....	4 44	5 70	4 45	13 56	.....	.....
Grace Mis'n	Hersey.....	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....
Grace	Holland.....	.....	5 65	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. John's...	Ionia.	3 90	1 91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. John's...	Kalamazoo ..	14 23	.....	3 12	.....	.....	.....	4 13	.....	.....
S. Luke's...	Kalamazoo ..	56 22	55 81	.....	16 10	15 54	5 54	.....	.....	.....
Grace.....	Ludington....	3 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trinity....	Marshall.....	11 29	27 00	7 29	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....
S. Paul's...	Mendon.....	4 59	2 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Mark's...	Newaygo	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trinity.....	Niles.....	27 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Mark's...	Paw Paw....	7 15	2 28	.....	.....	.....	1 21	.....	.....	.....
All Saints'..	Saugatuck...	.....	.....	2 50	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. John's...	Sturgis.....	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace.....	Traverse City	3 75	5 10	1 15	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace.....	Union City...	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		228 80	210 57	36 50	60 58	21 04	14 20	39 94	3 05	1 70

All of which sums have been remitted to the Treasurers of the Funds indicated.

T. P. SHELDON,
Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Reports were accepted and referred.

On motion of the Rev. Walter Scott,

Resolved, That Pledges to the Board of Missions for the ensuing year, be taken at the Session this evening.

On motion of the Rev. H. J. Cook,

Inasmuch as the hour named in the motion this morning for the excursion to a neighboring lake has arrived,

Resolved, That we now take a recess until the hour of 7 o'clock P. M.

Upon reassembling after recess, Mr. L. C. Chapin, in behalf of a Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Diocese, submitted a Report on the Tenure of Church Property, and asked its reference to a Committee of three. The request was granted, and the Chair named as such Committee, Messrs. W. B. Williams, G. F. Edwards and N. P. Loveridge.

REPORT.

The undersigned, appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Diocese, a Committee to report to the Convention on the Tenure of Church Property, respectfully submit,

That by an act to provide for the organization of Protestant Episcopal Churches. Approved February 17, 1857.

The Vestrymen have authority to "manage all the temporal affairs of such Churches." Under this authority it is claimed, that the Vestry may mortgage or dispose of the Church property. It is even questioned, whether the knowledge and consent of the congregation are necessary.

It is further claimed, that the wise provision of Canon 24, Title 1, of the Digest, requiring, that "the previous consent of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee" shall be obtained, "to incumber or alienate any consecrated Church or Chapel" is inoperative in this State, as "conflicting with the laws relating to the title and holding of property by religious corporations."

It may be stated here that in New Jersey the language of our Canon has been incorporated into the State law.

Your Committee would suggest that in the event of changes in the law, certain details of our law should be improved.

The law does not define in reference to elections, when the election shall be held, what notice shall be given; who shall preside, and what record shall be made.

The act is also vague in giving the qualifications of voters, particularly in not defining what is intended by "stated contributors."

Your Committee further inform the Convention that the subject matter of this Report has been laid before the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan. Should the Conventions entertain the subject, they will be willing to appoint a Committee to act with a similar Committee of the Diocese of Michigan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. D. GILLESPIE,
N. P. LOVERIDGE,
L. C. CHAPIN,
Committee of Trustees.

The Convention of the Diocese submitted its Annual Report.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed by the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan to prepare and submit to this Convention a report of the action of such Association for the past year, would respectfully report as follows:

The condition of the several funds in the charge of the Trustees, as reported by the Treasurer of that body, is as follows:

EPISCOPAL FUND.

The only change in the amount of the fund is a decrease of $56, being the amount charged off the Treasurer's books on account of a compromise in the settlement of an individual note. The amount of the fund on the 1st day of June, 1878, and the nature of the items composing the same, as compared with the last year, are as follows:

	June 1, 1878.	May 27, 1877.		
[illegible]	$19,923.35	$20,625.85	Decrease,	$ 702.50
[illegible]	8,586 25	7,400.00	Increase,	1,186.25
[illegible]	2,200 00	2,200.00		
[illegible]	80.00	90.00	Decrease,	10.00
[illegible]	100.00	100.00		
[illegible]	Deficit. 102.85	426.90	Decrease,	529.75
	$30,786.75	$30,842.75	Decrease,	$56.00

A loan has been made of $1,186.25, secured by bond and mortgage of Grace Church, of Holland, Mich. In this connection we would

present the report of the Special Committee of the Board of Trustees, to whom was entrusted the settlement of this matter, which is as follows:

To the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by resolution of your Board passed on the 31st day of May, 1877, to settle the claim of Heber Walsh against Grace Church, Holland, Mich., the Committee being further authorized by resolution of the Board, passed in January, 1878, to use, for that purpose, the funds in the hands of the Treasurer to an amount not exceeding $1,200, would respectfully report as follows:

That they have settled, in full, Mr. Walsh's claims for the sum of $1,186.25, taking from him a receipt in full for all claims and demands against said Grace Church, to the date of settlement, March 2, 1878. The mortgage for $800, held by Mr. Walsh, has been discharged of record, and a new bond and mortgage for $1,200, executed to the Association, by said Grace Church. The money for this settlement was taken from the cash in the Treasurer's hands belonging to the Episcopal fund.

The Committee would further report that the Vestry of Grace Church was authorized to execute the bond and mortgage to the Association, at a Parish meeting, held for that purpose on the 1st day of December, 1877, and that the approval of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese has also been given, in writing, and is on file with the papers in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Church building is insured for $1,500, the loss, if any, being made payable to the Association.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
T. P. SHELDON,
F. A. GORHAM,
Committee.

June 5th, 1878.

The income during the year has been as follows:

Interest on notes	$1,563 17
Interest on loans	778 80
Interest on bonds	10 00
Subscriptions	100 00
Cash in Treasury per last report	96 25
	$2,548 22

The disbursements have been:

For Bishop's salary	$2,500
" Taxes	8
" Recording mortgages	2
" Discount on loans	35
	$2,557
Leaving balance due Treasurer	$ 9

There have been five loans made during the year, for the purpose of paying the salary of the Bishop, aggregating $3,900.00, all of which have been repaid.

A careful estimate has been made of the resources of the ensuing year, with the following result:

Income from Notes	$1,521 32
" " Loans	965 00
" " Bonds	10 00
Drafts payable June 1st, in process of collection	1,035 00
Total	$3,531 32

From which will have to be paid:

Balance due Bishop to Feburary 24, 1878	$1,000 00
One year's salary to February 24, 1879	3,000 00
Taxes and expenses	25 00
Deficit in Treasury	9 63
	$4,034 63
Leaving a deficit in income to February 24, 1879	$ 503 31

There are still due as unpaid interest on notes about $925.00, which has been accumulating during the last three years. The payment of any part of this amount is very uncertain, and no portion of it has been included in the above estimate. The following letter from the Bishop of the Diocese, is presented as a part of this report:

GRAND RAPIDS, June 5, 1878.

F. A. GORHAM, ESQ.,

Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

MY DEAR SIR—The exhibit of the Episcopal Fund you have shown me, makes the probable deficiency for the year commencing February 24, 1878, about six hundred dollars.

The reasons referred to in my note of last year, found on the Journal, page 23, leads me to make a contribution to the fund, for use, in the sum of six hundred dollars, thus virtually reducing the salary to twenty-four hundred dollars.

Yours very respectfully.

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

The Committee would call especial attention to the very generous action of the Bishop in thus contributing to the Diocese, for the second time, so large an amount, and would express in behalf of the Association, its grateful appreciation of his liberality. The payment of the Episcopal salary has been slow, and irregular, on account of the delay in the collection of amounts due for interest on notes, and the Bishop must, of necessity, have been seriously inconvenienced on that account: we therefore think, in view of these facts, that the voluntary relinquishment, on his part, of six hundred dollars of the Episcopal salary for the ensuing year, deserves more than ordinary mention and gratitude, from this Association and the Convention.

SPECIAL MISSIONARY FUND.

This Fund, both in amount, and the nature of the securities, remains as at last report. The income during the year, amounting to $19 60, has been paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

SPECIAL FUNDS.

This account, also, shows no change, excepting in the amount of cash on hand shown in the last report of the Treasurer. From the amount shown to be on hand for the benefit of the Church at Lyons, there have been seventy-five dollars advanced, temporarily, to the Special Committee having in charge the settlement of the claim against the Church property at Plainwell. The action of that committee is set forth in the following report made by them to the Trustees:

To the Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by resolution of your Board passed May 31st, 1877, to investigate and take in charge the property at Plainwell, in which the Association may have an interest, with power to use, temporarily, money in the hands of the Treasurer, known as the "Lyons Fund," would respectfully report as follows:

The amount found to be due on the two lots at Plainwell, was $660. A new contract has been made between the owner of the land, and the Association, by which the latter has agreed to pay the sum of $575 for the lots, $75 in cash and $500 in five years, with interest at 10 per cent. payable annually; a deed to the Association to be made and placed in the hands of the Plainwell Bank, to be delivered when the conditions of the contract have been complied with.

The unpaid principal, and the interest when due, will be paid by the people at Plainwell.

The property thus secured to the Church is worth $1,200 or $1,400. The cash payment of $75 was made from the Lyons Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. P. SHELDON,
WALTER SCOTT,
F. A. GORHAM,
Committee.

July 5th, 1878.

The following statement is a list of deeds, mortgages, and other securities, in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, which have been examined by the three Lay members of the Standing Committee, constituting a Board of Auditors, and their certificate is attached to the statement:

LIST OF SECURITIES.

The following is a complete list of all securities, deeds, and other conveyances, held by the Treasurer for the Association:

FOR THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

Individual notes	$19,92
Bond and mortgage, Emily Liberty	1,00
" " " A. A. Cope et al	1,00
" " " E. Close	1,00
" " " T. McGee	2,00
" " " W. Hart	3
" " " T Mulder	1,00
" " " J. W. Bancroft	2
" " " T. McGee	5
" " " Grace Church, Holland	1,1
Notes and mortgage, W. B. Williams	3
Bond of Baptist Church and Society of Grand Rapids	1
Deed of lot at Kalamazoo from C. E. Stuart	1,0
" " " " Kalamazoo from H. G. Wells	2
" " " " Ludington from J. F. Tinkham	2
Deed for forty acres of land in Osceola County from Fred'k Hall	4
Deed for forty acres of land in Montcalm County from Fred'k Hall and L. B. Townsend	4
Unsecured pledges	8
Total for Episcopal Fund	$30,8

FOR PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

Assignment of mortgage from J. L. Gillespie, admr	$ 5

FOR SPECIAL FUNDS.

Note of Henry W. Safford, for Church at Quincy	$ 78
Deed from Jos. Berry and wife, Church property at Quincy	15
Copy of deed, Caroline Snell, Church property at Lowell	12
Deed, Henry Hall and wife, to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of Christ Church, Plainfield	5
Deed, Samuel C. Graham and wife, land at Coopersville	10
Deeds for lot No. 7, block No. 2, east addition to the village of Eaton Rapids	5
Total for Special Funds	$ 1,7
Total value for all securities	$33,0

The undersigned, Lay members of the Standing Committee, acting

as a Board of Auditors, by appointment of the Convention of 1876, (page 39, Journal of 1876), beg leave to report that they have examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and find them correct as per written statement above.

L. C. CHAPIN,
D. J. ARNOLD,
A. PLATT,
Lay Members of Standing Committee.

Reports from the Treasurer showing, in detail, the receipts and disbursements, with all necessary vouchers, are also submitted.

A. PLATT.
F. A. GORHAM.
L. C. CHAPIN.

The Report of the Association was accepted and referred.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schetky,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to extinct Parishes, be referred to a Special Committee of two Clergymen and one Lay Delegate, to report at this Convention.

The Chair appointed as such Committee the Revs. Robert Wood and J. L. Taylor, and Mr. H. C. Mead.

On motion of the Rev. J. F. Conover,

WHEREAS, Under Canon XVI. the General Fund of the Diocese is to be provided by an assessment of a uniform rate per centum upon the "current expenses of the Parish."

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that the said "current expenses of the Parish," upon which the assessment is made, shall include salary paid to the Rector by the Parish, the sum paid for care of Church building; for fuel, for lights, for rent of building or apartment used by the Parish in its work; (that is, where service is held or the minister lives, in case there is no Church or no Rectory,) and for music, insurance and necessary repairs.

Resolved, That these items should all be included in that particular of the Parochial Reports, which reads, "Salaries and all other expenses of maintenance."

Mr. Mardy,

committee of three, to report to
the President of the Conven
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how each Church is inc
, in whom is the fee of the
the Wardens and Vestry, th
corporation; whether or no
at alienation; whether the
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the pews are sold, rented,
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the Parish, within the Di
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XVI., Sec. 4, which was also referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion of the Rev. S. H. Woodford,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the claims presented by the Theological Seminary at Nashotah Mission, Wis., upon the sympathies and aid of the Church in its work of Theological Education and Training, be referred to a Special Committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen, to report to this convention, if practicable.

The Chair appointed as such Committee, the Rev. J. L. Taylor, Rev. Dr. Schetky, Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer, Mr. W. R. Shelby and Mr. James Snow.

And as Committee called for by Dr. McMurdy's resolution of inquiry, the Rev. Drs. McMurdy and Schetky, and Mr. James Snow.

Recess was taken to engage in Divine Service.

The Missionary Service was read by the Rev. Dr. McMurdy and the Rev. J. L. Taylor.

The Rev. H. J. Cook, Secretary of the Board of Missions, read the Annual Report of the Board:

REPORT.

Right Rererend Father and Brethren:

It would be highly gratifying doubtless for the Board of Missions to report, and for the Church to hear of great progress, of striking results in the missionary work of the Diocese during the year just closed.

We are constantly looking for *results*, and because they are not always tangible, startling, we may become discouraged and possibly think our efforts wasted. Still the truest missionary work is in laying foundations; in sowing, not in reaping. If the foundations are laid deep and solid with prayer and earnest labor, God will take care of the super-structure; if the good seed is sown in faith, the Holy Spirit will give the increase in due time. The words of Israel's seventh Song of Degrees are yet true: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."—(Ps. CXXVI., 6).

If we do not put in the sickle, some one will, as God's word is true

and cannot fail. This thought cheers the missionary as too often with scanty stipend and many discouragements he labors on in the field assigned. This thought sustains the parish priest in doing the same good work, and it encourages every missionary committee in the Church to continue their exertions and to carry the Gospel and the Church of the Gospel to men who would have neither without the help of missionary enterprise.

THE PAST YEAR

has been marked by nothing specially noteworthy in our own Diocesan field. In no place has there been very great apparent advancement or any sudden forward movement. Still we cannot look over the whole territory without feeling that much faithful work has been done, and many earnest prayers have been offered to Him who alone can translate feeble human efforts into permanent and glorious results.

THE FIELD

is nearly the same in extent with that reported one year ago. Strictly speaking, it is exactly the same town for town, acre for acre. The field is the whole Diocese. Unfortunately the Board of Missions is obliged to close the eye to the field in this broad and true sense, and to see only some few stations where the offerings of the Church make it possible to occupy and hold the ground. But little new territory therefore, has been covered, because men and means were lacking. Quite likely missionaries could have been found had their been sufficient funds to sustain them. Indeed, had the Board been quite sure of the amount constituting the balance reported by the Treasurer new points would have been reached. But prudence dictated the expenditure of such moneys only as were reasonably certain to be available.

THE SAME MISSIONARIES,

with two or three changes, are at work as at the time of our last report. After what has been said in general terms, it will be hardly necessary to do more than mention their names:

(1.) The Rev. Darius Barker, of Paw Paw (stipend $50.00), has now, on account of age and infirmities, retired from long and successful missionary work, leaving in his latest field a good foundation for his successors to build upon.

(2.) The Rev. H. J. Cook (stipend $100.00), does missionary duty in Quincy in connection with parish work. While there is much to encourage, notably the absence of male communicants, were the families belonging to the Mission accessible, results could be reached which now necessarily await such a consummation.

(3.) The Rev. A. C. Lewis (stipend $300.00), continues his good work at Elk Rapids.

(4.) The Rev. Wm. Matthias (stipend $200.00), occupies the two points, Evart and Farwell.

(5.) The Rev. Moseley Morris (stipend $200.00), carries on the work at Newaygo and Coopersville. He has recently extended his labors to Berlin and Casnovia.

(6.) The Rev. G. E. Peters (stipend $75.00), labors in the vicinity of Albion, and his experience is such as to show the necessity of carrying the Church into the farming communities as well as into the great business and commercial centers.

(7.) The Rev. J. B. Prichard (stipend $270.00), ministers at Ludington and Pentwater.

(8) The Rev. L. L. Rogers (stipend $75.00), withdrew from his field at Saranac early in the year.

(9.) The Rev. Henry Safford (stipend $100.00), has left his work at Burr Oak and Sturgis, and resides in another Diocese. At Sturgis well-directed efforts could hardly fail of carrying out successfully work already begun.

(10.) The Rev. W. H. Sparling (stipend $200.00), speaks hopefully of his field of labor at Traverse City.

(11.) The Rev. Wm. Stowe (stipend $100.00), has given up his ground at Grand Haven, and removed to Western New York.

(12.) The Rev. John L. Taylor (stipend $300.00), continues at Charlotte and Eaton Rapids.

(13.) The Rev. J. Rice Taylor (stipend $300.00), though temporarily absent, is located still at Saugatuck, uniting with that field the Parish at Holland.

(14.) The Rev. Robert Wood (stipend $225.00), is Rector of the Church of the Redeemer at Whitehall.

Grants have also been made during the year to the Rev. A. E. Bishop (15), the Rev. Geo. P. Schetky, D. D., (16), and the Rev. P. A. Almquist, of the Swedish Mission at Tustin, (17). Mr. Bishop has recently gone to St. Joseph and Benton Harbor. Dr. Schetky is at Paw Paw, with charge of Van Buren County. Both he and Mr. Almquist should receive better support from their respective fields; Dr. Schetky having been obliged to do missionary duty in several instances, not only without compensation, but at his own charges.

BOARD MEETINGS

have been held as necessity or convenience called for them. The main work of the Board has already been exhibited in connection with the several stations reported.

NEW WORK

awaits us at various promising points, and a part of the balance now in the Treasury is specially devoted to such work. The Board earnestly hope, therefore, that the funds now on hand will not reduce pledges or offerings for the next year by a single dollar.

PLANS FOR INEXPENSIVE CHURCHES

have not been purchased, as recommended last year, since no appropriation was made for the purpose. Two edifices, however, are in process of construction in accordance with designs furnished by the architect referred to in our last report. Two more volumes have been added to the works on architecture in our possession.

THE PLEDGES

made last year, as shown by the Treasurer's report, have in most cases been redeemed, and all appropriations have thus been paid. It is important to remember what it is easy to forget as the year passes: that the missionaries are paid *quarterly*, and therefore, as the Canon directs, *our pledges should be remitted quarterly also.*

THE WORK MUST GO ON.

It is needless, perhaps, to say this. But it is human nature to become weary in well-doing; to lose our zeal even in the highest and holiest work ever entrusted to man—that of extending the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth. We have every reason to be encouraged and to persevere, for the missionary work of the Diocese is steadily, if not swiftly, advancing.

In appealing to this Body again to sustain the work, the Board of Missions do not forget the action of the general Church at the last Convention. Those grand missionary meetings, those stirring ad-

dresses from the lips of veterans in the work, Bishops, Presbyters and Laymen, are still fresh in our minds, and the wave of missionary zeal has not yet ceased to pulsate in our farthest Parishes and stations. Not this Board only, not this Convention only, not the faithful missionaries only, *but every baptized member of the Church of Christ for that reason a missionary* under solemn vows to help on the great work of saving souls.

Let us, brethren, first plant this truth deeply in our own hearts now and here. Then let us carry it home and repeat it in all our Parishes. Let us teach it to our children, being assured that when this thought once takes full possession of the Church of Christ, her mission work will lack neither men nor means, and great progress will be the necessary and certain result.

FINALLY,

the Board of Missions feel that with no more timely and appropriate words can they close this Annual Report than with those of the Epistle for this week:

"As every man has received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. * * If any minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever."—Epistle Sunday after Ascension Day.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Missions.

HERBERT J. COOK,
Secretary.

Ascension Tide, 1878.

The Report was accepted and referred.

Mr. David Fisher presented his Annual Report as Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

DAVID FISHER,

In Account with Diocesan Missionary Fund.

DR.

Cash on hand June 1, 1877, (See last Journal.)	$1[illegible] 02
Trinity, Three Rivers, sent Bishop Gillespie	[illegible] 50
S. James', Albion	1[illegible] 00
Good Shepherd, Allegan	3[illegible] 00
" " " S. S.	[illegible] 00
S. Thomas', Battle Creek, $50.00, S. S. $5.00	5[illegible] 00
S. Andrews', Big Rapids	[illegible] 00
Grace, Burr Oak	1[illegible] 00
S. Mark's, Coldwater	[illegible] 00
S. Paul's, Courtland	[illegible] 00
S. Paul's, Elk Rapids	[illegible] 00
S. John's, Grand Haven	[illegible] 00
Grace, Grand Rapids	1[illegible] 51
S. Mark's, Grand Rapids	6[illegible] 00
S. Paul's Memorial, Grand Rapids	3[illegible] 70
Emmanuel, Hastings, $30.00, S. S. $5.50	[illegible] 45
Grace, Holland	[illegible] 00
S. John's, Ionia	[illegible] 00
S. John's, Kalamazoo, $10.00, S. S. $10.00	[illegible] 00
S. Luke's, Kalamazoo	3[illegible] 00
Grace, Ludington	[illegible] 00
Trinity, Marshall	12[illegible] 00
S. Paul's, Muskegon	[illegible] 00

y, Niles	125 00
, Plainfield	1 40
k's, Paw Paw	2 15
y, Saranac	8 65
nts, Saugatuck	8 00
y, Three Rivers	3 26
, Traverse City	30 00
, Union City	11 60
h of the Redeemer, Whitehall	12 00
Shepherd Mission, Grand Rapids	10 00
Mission, Charlotte	10 00
any Mission, Coopersville	8 23
" " Decatur	64
n's Mission, Evart	88
y " Farwell	70
rk's " Newaygo	15 02
mes' " Pentwater	5 00
y " Plainwell	1 40
lin's " Quincy	9 38
nonths interest on Mrs. Gillespie's bequest, $25, less Ex. 15 cents	24 85
" " " $25, " 25 "	24 75
Samuel Earp, pledge of 1875	500 00
Robert H Paine	5 75
otal receipts	$2,629 28

CR.

Rev. L. L. Rogers	$46 15	Paid Rev. J. B. Prichard	$ 161 67
H. J Cook	100 00	" Henry Safford	50 00
Wm. Stowe	41 67	" Geo. P Schetky	31 67
A. E. Bishop	50 00	" Horace Gates	13 00
Wm Matthias	300 00	" P. A. Almquist	25 00
W. H. Sparling	162 50	Rev. H J. Cook, printing	7 30
Darius Barker	25 00	Bedell & Co., service bills	15 25
Moseley Morris	166 67	Our Dioceses, printing	13 00
G. E. Peters	75 00	Exchange	5 63
Robert Wood	72 92	Postage	6 66
J Rice Taylor	147 50	Stamps on checks	67
John L. Taylor	350 00	Stationery, etc	92
A. C. Lewis	156 75	Collection of drafts	75
al disbursements			$2,025 68

RECAPITULATION.

an Missions, Receipts	$2,629 28	
Expenditures	2,025 68	
		$603 60
lates for Holy Orders, Receipts	35 97	
Expenditures	1 25	
		34 72
al Missionary Fund, Receipts		177 69
p's Fund, Receipts	128 00	
Expenditures	104 05	
		23 95
		$838 96

ID FISHER, Treasurer,

In Account with Fund for Candidates for Holy Orders.

DR.

16—S. Mark's, Paw Paw	$ 1 25	
—S Luke's, Kalamazoo	14 17	
1—Emmanuel, Hastings	16 44	
31—S. John's, Kalamazoo	4 11	
		$35 97

CR.

11.—Sent Horace Gates, order of Bishop	1 25
alance	$34 72

GENERAL MISSIONARY FUND.

1877
June 1—Cash balance in Journal 1876-7 ..... $135
" 8— " of Mrs. Laura Smith, Coldwater 7
" 4— " of Chapel Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids 10
1878
June 4—Cash of Rev. Geo. D. E. Mortimer 10
" 5— " of Trinity Church S. S., Marshall 15

Amount on hand $177

DAVID FISHER, Treasurer,

In Account with Bishop's Fu[illegible]

1877.
June 1—Cash balance on hand ..... $ [illegible]
July 6— " Bishop Gillespie from friends ..... [illegible]
Nov. 28— " S. John's Church, Kalamazoo ..... [illegible]
1878.
Apr. 28—Cash S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, Industrial Band ..... 1[illegible]
June 2— " Bishop Gillespie from friends ..... [illegible]
" 2— " a little boy ..... [illegible]

$12[illegible]

CR.

1877.
June 2—Paid printing Bishop's Address ..... $ 6 75
July 6— " private Communion set for Missionary use 18 25
Sept. 8— " five copies "Spirit of Missions" 7 85
" 19— " furniture for a candidate's room 15 00
Nov. 13— " Our Dioceses, printing Pastorals 5 50
" 13— " expenses of an examiner 5 00
" 26— " 100 Church Almanacs 15 00
" 26— " copies of Common Things 2 50
1878.
Jan. 14— " Tracts 6 90
" 22— " " for jails and poor houses 4 42
Mar. 6— " Leaflets Eve'g Service 1 00
" 18— " " " " 1 50
May 1— " Rev. Mr. Clarke, expenses to Marshall 4 00
— " exchange and postage 38
94 05

June 4—Balance on hand $33 95

PLEDGES AND BALANCES OF PLEDGES TO DIOCESAN MISSIONS UNPAID.

1875-6—S. Paul's, Greenville $15 00
1876-7—Rev. S. H. Woodford 5 00
" —S. John's, Sturgis 10 00
1877-8—S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, balance 50 00

$80 00

W. H. KNOWLTON, Treasurer,

In Account with the Semi-Annual Conference and Missionary Meeting of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

DR.

Balance from last Diocesan year ..... $ 5 95
Offertory at Allegan 8 00
" " Marshall 9 07

$23 02

CR.

Printing, postage and stationery 12 00
Traveling expenses of Missionaries paid by order of the Bishop 9 00
Cash in hand 2 02

$23 02

The Treasurer, in presenting his reports, would respectfully call attention to the following:

That the appropriation to our missionaries of all moneys pledged Diocesan Missions is made soon after Convention by the Board of Missions. That such appropriations are made payable and become quarterly. That our missionaries are dependent on these stipends their daily bread. That any delay in making prompt payment at iration of each quarter often entails much inconvenience and disointment. In view of such facts the prompt quarterly payment of pledges should be the aim of each and every Parish, Clergyman Vestry. During the past year our Bishop has advanced money our missionary stipends could be met when due.

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DAVID FISHER,

Treasurer.

The Report was accepted and referred.

Pledges were then made as follows to the Board of Missions. pledges of Sunday Schools are given in parenthesis and *ided* in the total pledge of each Parish.

on, S. James'	$15 00	Muskegon, S. Paul's [S S-5]	30 00
gan, Good Shepherd, [S S-15]	55 00	Niles, Trinity	125 00
le Creek, S. Thomas, [S S-10]	85 00	Paw Paw, S. Mark's	5 00
Rapids, S. Andrews'	20 00	Saugatuck, All Saints', [S S-10]	20 00
water, S. Mark's	70 00	Three Rivers, Trinity	10 00
Rapids, S. Paul's [S S-5]	35 00	Traverse City, Grace [S S-5]	35 00
nd Rapids, Grace	25 00	Union City, Grace	10 00
nd Rapids, S. Mark's	500 00	Whitehall, Redeemer	12 00
nd Rapids, S. Paul's, [S S-5]	17 00	Coopersville, Epiphany	8 00
ings, Emmanuel, [S S-5]	65 00	Gr'd Rapids, Good Shepherd S S	5 00
land, Grace	15 00	Newaygo, S. Mark's	15 00
ner, Christ	10 00	Pentwater, S. James'	5 00
a, S. John's	5 00	Quincy, S. John's	10 00
mazoo, S. John's [S S-15]	55 00	Berlin	1 00
mazoo, S Luke's	320 00	Casnovia	5 00
lington, Grace, [S S-5]	15 00	Benton Harbor	2 00
shall, Trinity, [S S-15]	140 00	Montague	5 00
. G. D. E. Mortimer	15 00	J. B. Folger	5 00
J. W. Bancroft	10 00	David Fisher	5 00
H. J. Cook	7 00	Mrs. Anne Townsend	5 00
J. F. Conover	5 00	" D. G. Robinson	5 00
J. B. Prichard	5 00	" H. C. Mead	5 00
hop Gillespie	5 00		
A. Gorham	5 00	Total	$1,827 00

DIOCESE OF WESTERN —

GENERAL MISSIONARY FUND.

1877
June 1—Cash balance in Journal 1876-7 ..... $135 39
" 8— " of Mrs. Laura Smith, Coldwater 7 30
" 4— " of Chapel Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids 10 00
1878
June 4—Cash of Rev. Geo. D. E. Mortimer 1 00
" 5— " of Trinity Church S. S., Marshall 1 50
Amount on hand $17 69

DAVID FISHER, Treasurer, *In Account with Bishop's Fund.*

1877.
June 1—Cash balance on hand ..... $ 300 26
July 6— " Bishop Gillespie from friends 550 26
Nov. 28— " S. John's Church, Kalamazoo 2 00
1878.
Apr. 28—Cash S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, Industrial Band 10
June 2— " Bishop Gillespie from friends 25
" 2— " a little boy 1
$128

CR.

1877.
June 2—Paid printing Bishop's Address, ... $ 6 75
" " private Communion set for Missionary use 18 25
July 6— " five copies "Spirit of Missions" 7 85
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" " exchange and postage 38
94 80
$33 92

June 4—Balance on hand .....

PLEDGES AND BALANCES OF PLEDGES TO DIOCESAN MISSION

UNPAID.

1875-6—S. Paul's, Greenville $15
1876-7—Rev. S. H. Woodford 5
" —S. John's, Sturgis 10
1877-8—S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, balance 50

W. H. KNOWLTON, Treasurer,
In Account with the Semi-Annual Conference and Missionary
ing of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

DR.

Balance from last Diocesan year $33
Offertory at Allegan 12
" " Marshall 9
2
$55

CR.

Printing, postage and stationery .....
Expenses of Missionaries paid by order of the Bishop .....

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Coldwater, S. Mark's	70 00	Three Rivers, Trinity	10 00
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's [S S-5]	35 00	Traverse City, Grace [S S-5]	35 00
Grand Rapids, Grace	25 00	Union City, Grace	10 00
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's	500 00	Whitehall, Redeemer	12 00
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's, [S S-5]	17 00	Coopersville, Epiphany	8 00
Hastings, Emmanuel, [S S-5]	65 00	Gr'd Rapids, Good Shepherd S S	5 00
Holland, Grace	15 00	Newaygo, S. Mark's	15 00
Homer, Christ	10 00	Pentwater, S. James'	5 00
Ionia, S. John's	5 00	Quincy, S. John's	10 00
Kalamazoo, S. John's [S S-15]	55 00	Berlin	1 00
Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	320 00	Casnovia	5 00
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" J. B. Prichard	5 00	" H. C. Mead	5 00
Bishop Gillespie	5 00		
F. A. Gorham	5 00	Total	$1,827 00

Mr. H. C. Mead offered an amendment to Canon XIX. Sec. and the Rev. J. L. Taylor an amendment to Canon XX., Sec. Sub-sec. III., both of which were referred to the Committee Canons.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

JUNE 6, 8 O'CLOCK A. M.

Divine Service.

Morning Prayer was begun by the Rev. A. E. Bishop. The Lessons, being Ezek. II. and Acts XX., v. 17, were read by the Rev. G. E. Peters, and the rest of the Service was said by the Rev. Robert Wood.

The rolls of the Convention were called.

The minutes of yesterday were read and accepted.

The Committee on the admission of Churches into Union with the Convention, reported that no business had been placed before them.

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Associati of the Diocese of Western Michigan, would respectfully report:

That they have examined the accounts and vouchers accompanyi said report, and find the same to be correct.

WALTER SCOTT.
JOS. S. LARGE.
W. R. SHELBY.
C. WAKELEE.

The Report was accepted.

The Reports of the Convocations of the Diocese were read their respective Secretaries, the Rev. S. H. Woodford, Secreta of the Convocation of Grand Rapids, and the Rev. Walter Sco

of the Convocation of Kalamazoo. (See the Appendices of this Journal.)

REPORT.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, after due examination of the records of the last Convention, find as such business, the report of the Committee on the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Wardens and Vestries; also, the report of the Committee on the portion of the same relating to Clerical Life Insurance. For resolutions and appointments on both the above, see pp. 27-8 of the Journal of 1877.

W. H. KNOWLTON.
A. B. TAYLOR.
THOS. WOODHAMS.

The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

Your Committee most heartily endorse, and with emphasis would reaffirm, the sentiments expressed in the report, and published in the Journal of last year, on Christian Literature. Few subjects are deserving more thoughtful consideration at the present time—remarkable as a reading age, and specially noted for the miscellaneous character of the matter furnished by the public press. Many of the popular publications of the day that pass for literature, and are read with interest, contain very little clear, positive, and outspoken expressions of religious teachings. A spirit of distrust and skepticism seem to pervade them, a covert—not to say an avowed—hostility to sacred things.

It is indeed painful to the Christian heart, in looking through those publications, provided for the reading public, to discover so much studious effort to insinuate doubt, and undermine Christianity; weaken faith in Christ, and eventually destroy belief in the truths of the Gospel.

To meet and counteract their influence, we need a sound and wholesome Christian literature, that brings out with clearness and accuracy the historical, doctrinal, and practical teachings of the Christian religion; to meet sophistry with soundness of speech that cannot be gainsaid, and educated skepticism with an equally learned faith.

We are well aware that the Church in her abundance of literature is able to meet every form of irreligious antagonism, but the difficulty seems to be in bringing her treasures of wisdom and strength to the acceptance of the people; persuading them to put aside the printed poison to mind and soul, and give more earnest heed to reading that which is wholesome to morals, strengthening to faith, and persuasive to doctrine and duty.

Your Committee therefore most respectfully commend the subject to the consideration of the Clergy, and urge them not to cease their

efforts to secure to their congregations a Christian Literature tha sound, practical and churchly.

G. E. PETERS,
H. B. WHITTEMORE,
ROBERT WOOD,
H. A. TILLOTSON,
H. P. BURGWIN,
Committe

The report was accepted.

On motion of the Rev. A. E. Bishop,

Resolved, That a committee of five, the Bishop being Chairman appointed to devise means for the purpose of establishing a Dioce Library, and report this afternoon.

The Committeee was constituted as follows—The Right R G. D. Gillespie, D. D., the Rev. Messrs. A. E. Bishop H. J. Cook, and Messrs. Clement Wakelee and W. R. Shelb

The Rev. Dr. McMurdy, Chairman of the Special Commit appointed in the last Convention, on Life Insurance for Clergy, then read the report* of that Committee.

The report was accepted.

The Rev. J. F. Conover, Chairman of the Committee, tinued from last Convention, on the subject of Wardens Vestries, then read the report* of that Committee.

The report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schetky,

Resolved, That —— copies of the report on Wardens and Ves men, be printed and distributed throughout the Parishes in this cese, according to the judgment of the Bishop

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion the Bishop's Address relating to aid in behalf of students pre ing for the Holy Ministry, beg leave respectfully to submit following

* These reports will be found among the appendices of this Journal.

REPORT.

general sense of the Church of this, as of former days, sanc-
ıe principle of rendering assistance to such persons, preparing
ly Orders, as may stand in need of such aid. Some of her
and most efficient ministers have by such means been enabled
e at her altars. The question arises and is of especial interest
elves, how shall the necessary funds be obtained for an object
nately connected with the prosperity of the Church?

various reasons which need not be mentioned in detail, it seems
npracticable to depend upon the general societies organized for
ırpose. It is believed that a deeper interest will be awakened
alf of this important cause, and a far larger measure of success
d, if we rely upon the members of the Diocese for the support
Candidates. At the present time these are four in number. Of
three are provided for. The sum needed for the remaining
late is $150.00. To meet the necessities of the hour, and also
ıre adequate means for the future, your Committee report the
ing resolutions:

lved, That the subject be presented by the several Rectors and
naries, and a collection be taken annually on Trinity Sunday, or
lay soon after, and the amount be remitted to the Treasurer of
ard of Missions.

lved, That the Right Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese, be respect-
nvited to issue a pastoral or circular setting forth the needs of
ocese in this regard.

J. T. MAGRATH.
C. T. STOUT.
C. J. STERLING.
H. C. MATRAU.

: report was accepted and the accompanying resolutions
ed.

N. P. Loveridge, of the Committee of the Board of Trus-
f the Diocese, asked and obtained leave to read a paper
, had he been present yesterday, he would have presented
ıinority report of that Committee, in regard to the Tenure
urch Property; and desired that the said paper should be
ınd go before the Joint Committee of the two Dioceses in
gan, should such a Committee be created for the purpose
ısidering and securing any Legislative action that might be
ht desirable.

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Respectfully submitted by the Board of Missions.

HERBERT J. COO
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Ascension Tide, 1878.

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DAVID FISHER,

In Account with Diocesan

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Good Shepherd, Allegan.....
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S. Andrews', Big Rapids.....
Grace, Burr Oak.....
S. Mark's, Coldwater.....
S. Paul's, Courtland.....
S. Paul's, Elk Rapids.....
S. John's, Grand Haven.....
Grace, Grand Rapids.....
S. Mark's, Grand Rapids.....
S. Paul's Memorial, Grand Rapids.....
Emmanuel, Hastings, $20.00, S. S. $5.50.....
Grace, Holland.....
S. John's, Ionia.....
S. John's, Kalamazoo, $40.00, S. S. $10.00.....
S. Luke's, Kalamazoo.....
Grace, Ludington.....
Trinity, Marshall.....
S. Paul's, Muskegon.....

the large number of Candidates for every vacant Parish, and as referred to in the Bishop's Address, and otherwise notorious, we must decline to advise special offering for any Theological Seminary or society for the increase of the Ministry; but would advise that the customary offerings for Theological Education taken up in the several Parishes of the Diocese, shall be remitted to our Bishop for his disposition according to his own discretion.

JOHN L. TAYLOR.
GEO. P. SCHETKY.
G. D. E. MORTIMER.
JAMES SNOW.
W. R. SHELBY.

The Report was accepted.

On motion the elections were deferred until 2 P. M.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed to consider that part of the Bishop's Address relating to Extinct Parishes, beg leave to report, that they have given the matter careful consideration; that they recommend that Christ Church, Plainfield, and Grace Church, Lyons, be dropped from the list of Parishes; that they have no recommendation to make with reference to S. Paul's Church, Courtland; also that they have no recommendation to make as regards S. Paul's Church, Greenville.

ROBERT WOOD.
H. C. MEAD.

MINORITY REPORT.

The undersigned, differing from the majority of the Committee on Extinct Parishes, offers this amendment to their report, to-wit:

That S. Paul's Church, Courtland, and S. Paul's Church, Greenville, be included in the report of the Committee as Parishes that it is advisable to sever their connection with this Convention.

JOHN L. TAYLOR.

The reports were accepted.

Recess was taken as voted yesterday.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Upon reassembling, leave of absence for the rest of the sessi was granted to Messrs. W. W. Rea, of Three Rivers, W. Williams and Alanson Lilly, of Allegan, H. C. Mead, of Uni City, and James Snow, of Muskegon.

The minutes of the morning session were read and accepted.

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of the Treasu of the Convention and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, wou respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of T. Sheldon, Treasurer, for 1877 and 8, and found the same correct.

E. W. DE YOE.
J. H. MONTGOMERY.
D. G. ROBINSON.

The Rev. M. Morris and Mr. A. B. Taylor were appointe Tellers of the election of Treasurer of the Convention.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast for Treasurer, 31. Mr. T. P. Sheldon h received 30 votes and is elected.

M. MORRIS.
A. B. TAYLOR.

The Rev. William Brittain and Mr. E. L. Sprague were a pointed Tellers of the election of Registrar.

The Convention entered upon the consideration of the mino ity report of the Committee on Extinct Parishes.

Division was called for, and so much of the report as refer to the case of S. Paul's Church, Courtland, was adopted b vote of 24 to 8. Pending the vote on the rest of the report, subject was re-committed without instructions to the Commit

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of votes cast for Registrar, 33. Rev. Sidney Beckw unanimously elected.

WILLIAM BRITTA
E. L. SPRAGUE.

The Rev. Chas. T. Stout and Mr. Chas. J. Sterling were appointed tellers of the election of the Standing Committee.

On motion of Mr. H. C. Mead,

Resolved, That a Special Committee of two Clergymen and one Layman be requested to take into consideration, and, if thought advisable, report a Canon, and form, whereby an organized Parish may surrender its Parochial organization, and assume that of a Mission, and report at the next Annual Convention.

The Chair appointed as such Committee, the Rev. J. F. Conover, the Rev. Dr. McMurdy and Mr. L. C. Chapin.

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Secretary, and the accounts of the Treasurer, of the Board of Missions, would respectfully report that they have examined the same with the vouchers and find them correct.

Your Committee would further report that they have learned with regret that Missionaries of this Diocese are sometimes precluded by pecuniary inability from attending the Annual Convention; and as such attendance is not only socially gratifying to the Clergy, but also stimulating and edifying to the religious life of the same; therefore,

Resolved, That any Missionary of this Diocese who may be so hindered, be requested to advise the Bishop of such fact; and that upon application of the Bishop in such behalf to the Treasurer of the Convention, the latter shall extend the necessary aid to enable such Missionary to meet his brethren in Convention.

J. B. PRICHARD.
G. D. E. MORTIMER.
J. B. FOLGER.
E. L. SPRAGUE.
W. R. SCHUYLER.

The report was accepted, amended by substituting "Treasurer of the Convention" for "Treasurer of the Board of Missions," and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee would respectfully report:

They recommend that Canon XIX., Section 6, be amended as fo lows: Add to the section the words,

"The Board of Missions may appropriate funds for the purchase Bibles, Prayer Books, Hymnals, Tracts, and other helps to missiona work as they in their discretion may deem best; *Provided*, That appropriations for the payment of the missionaries have been ma and there remains money in the Treasury that may be so used."

They also recommend that this proviso be added to Canon X Section 4;

"*Provided*, That when by reason of a vacancy of the Rectorsh in any Parish 'the current expenses including the Rector's salary' given in the last Parochial report is an exceptionally small sum, t Treasurer shall increase the base of per centage of such Parish to amount at least equal to the average of previous years."

They also recommend that Canon XX., Section 2, Sub-section II be amended by adding the following proviso after the word "Parishe in line 3;

"*Provided*, That if the Warden cannot attend the Annual Conve tion, the Mission may send a Delegate having the requisite qualific tions;" and in line 3 after the word "*Provided*," to add the wo "further."

The Committee also recommend that General Rules of Order, No. be amended so as to read, "When a question is under debate, no m tion shall be received unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it to certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have pre dence in the order herein named."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. CONOVER.
R. McMURDY.
L. C. CHAPIN.
G. F. EDWARDS.

The report was accepted, and all the amendments proposed the Committee on Canons were severally adopted by a two-thi vote.

The Committee on Extinct Parishes reported further:

Taking into consideration the fact that the Parish of S. Pa Church, Greenville, has had no Parish meeting during the pre Conventional year, and therefore has had no opportunity by the e

ion of a new Vestry to repudiate and condemn the action of its present Vestry in ignoring the Bishop, "and thus, so far as its action could each, putting the Parish utterly out of existence;"

We therefore recommend that another year be given the members of the Parish, that they may have an opportunity to vindicate their oyalty and make reparation for the discourteous and shameful course of the said Vestry.

ROBERT WOOD.
H. C. MEAD.

On motion of Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer, the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the grateful acknowledgments of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to the Rector and congregation of S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek; also, to the Ladies' Society, the Young Men's Church Union, and to the Goguac Boat Club, for their generous hospitalities, and munificent entertainment, extended to the members of this Convention.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast for members of the Standing Committee, 43. ecessary to a choice, 22. Rev. J. F. Conover has received 39 votes; ev. G. D. E. Mortimer, 35; Rev. J. T. Magrath, 33; Rev. H. B. hittemore, 28; Mr. L. C. Chapin, 37; Mr. A. Platt, 31; Mr. D. J. rnold, 29; and they are elected.

CHARLES T. STOUT.
CHARLES J. STERLING.

Rev. W. H. Sparling and Mr. J. B. Folger were appointed ellers of the election of the Board of Missions.

The Rev. H. B. Whittemore offered the following, which was dopted unanimously:

Resolved, That this Convention tenders its sincere thanks to Rev. r. Harris, Rector of S. James' Church, Chicago, for his most excellent and appropriate sermon delivered to the Convention on Tuesday vening last.

On motion of the Rev. H. J. Cook,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered to the Secretary for the faithful manner in which he has discharged his

duties; and further, that the Treasurer of the Convention be, and hereby is, instructed to present him the sum of fifty dollars.

On motion of Mr. David Fisher,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are due and are hereby tendered to the representatives of the press for their courtesy and attendance during the present Session.

On motion of Mr. James W. Wood,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered to the several R. R. companies, for reductions in fares to the delegates in attendance on the Convention.

On motion of Rev. J. F. Conover,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be authorized to have 400 copies of the Journal of the Convention printed, to meet the requirements of Canon and for the use of the Convention.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Christian education, in the farthest reach of the term, comprehends the development of all that is best in our race. It holds up to us not alone the *mens sana in corpore sano*, but it aims to provide for the wants of our spiritual nature, side by side with the needs of body and mind. Christian education is therefore ever upon the mind of the Church, and is one of the themes which calls for attention both in the public acts of our deliberative bodies and in the more quiet administration of Parish and Mission life. The Bishop of a Diocese, looking over a territory containing many thousands of souls, every one of which is to be affected by good or bad training, has constantly in mind Christian education. The Parish Priest and the Missionary share in the same interest; while it is often one of the most serious questions in the heart of the Christian Layman, "How and where shall I educate my child?" There can be no doubt that the Church herself is a great educational institution, and no true education is possible apart from her benign influence. Theoretically therefore, a graded series of schools, from Kindergarten to University, should exist, and all the children of the Church should be trained by men and women, themselves similarly educated and thoroughly adapted in other respects for their important work. Practically, however, as a Diocese, we have no such institutions—no such system of training. Nor is this the time apparently for their establishment. Certainly it is to be hoped that none of those so-called Church schools will ever come into existence in Western Michigan, which, with no endowments, with no highly educated and specially gifted corps of teachers, with no adequate apparatus, sometimes come into Diocesan Conventions with stories of mortgages, broken pledges and general failure. The truth is that merely prefixing the word "Church" to a given school is neither a guaranty of thorough education, nor, as experience proves, a sufficient inducement to attract the children of the Church. If we ever have a

Diocesan school or college, let us hope that it will present the highest literary facilities, with generous endowments and full apparatus, and be controlled and permeated by a true Churchly spirit.

Meantime, let the Church spread her educational influence as far and efficiently as possible. Let both Clergy and Laity visit frequently the public schools of the State, and by their presence and influence let them do all they can—and that is much—to resist any attempt to make our public schools nurseries of atheism and irreligion. We specially recommend that each Clergyman in the Diocese should visit regularly and systematically, as his time and duties may allow, the schools of his neighborhood. Experience shows that such visits are appreciated by teachers and pupils, and, if these visits are kept up, the sure result will be to increase the attendance upon the services of the Parish Church, where of course Christian education in the highest sense is supposed to be given, both in the services of the Church and in the teachings of the Rector.

All that was said in the Report on Christian Literature in reference to the atheistic tendency of the times is germane to this subject, and therefore your committee recommend the matter of Christian education to the thoughtful attention of the Church, that, while we have no Diocesan schools to care for and sustain, our influence and effort may everywhere be in the right direction.

HERBERT J. COOK.
SIDNEY H. WOODFORD.
WILLIAM H. KNOWLTON.
JAMES W. WOOD.

The report was accepted.

The resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee on Life Insurance for the Clergy were then considered and severally adopted, as follows:

The Committee beg leave to submit the following series of preambles and resolutions:

1. WHEREAS, The corporations for the relief of the widows and children of Clergymen of the Church in Pennsylvania and New York are the oldest and most successful clerical societies in the American Church, and have stood the test and trials of a century; and

WHEREAS, They afford all the advantages of ordinary life insurance at the most moderate rate, and correspond to the successful Assurance Society for the Clergy of the Anglican Communion; and,

WHEREAS, Such clerical assurance societies cannot, with successful results, be organized in our small Dioceses; and,

WHEREAS, The corporations of New York and Pennsylvania have continued their benefactions to the Clergy of their respective States, now embracing, in the former five, and the latter three, Dioceses, and this without detriment to the Clergy of the parent Dioceses; therefore,

Resolved, That the Clerical Assurance Corporations of Pennsylvania and New York be, and hereby are, respectfully requested to consider the feasibility and propriety of extending the benefits of their societies to the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese

REPORT.

The undersigned, Special Committee, appointed for the purpos reporting upon the Tenure of Church Property under the laws of State, and to whom the report of a Committee appointed by the B of Trustees of the Diocese was referred, would respectfully rep that the limited time your Committee has been able to give in sideration of the questions submitted, will not permit it to arriv any deliberate conclusion on the subject.

The importance of the subject and the necessity for laws thorou defining the tenure of Church property, and the full power authority of the Wardens and Vestrymen in regard thereto, w certainly warrant the appointment of a Committee to act with a s lar Committee in the Diocese of Michigan, as recommended by report of the Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of Diocese, and your Committee would, to that end, submit the follo resolution and recommend its adoption :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to co with a similar Committee of the Diocese of Michigan, in regard laws of this State pertaining to the organization of the Protest Episcopal Church, the tenure of Church property, and the power authority of the Wardens and Vestrymen in regard thereto, w power to take such action as in the judgment of such Joint C mittee shall be for the best interests of the Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. WILLIAM
G. F. EDWARDS

The report of the Committee was accepted, and the propo resolution adopted.

The Chair appointed as members of the Joint Committee f this Diocese, Messrs. W. B. Williams, J. W. Champlin and G Edwards.

REPORT.

Your Committee to which was referred that portion of the Bish Address referring to Nashotah Theological Seminary, would resp fully recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Convention most sincerely and warmly sy thizes with the present pecuniary embarrassments of Nashotah, b the present plethoric condition of the Clerical supply as evidenc

WHEREAS, The Guilds and Brotherhoods of the Church have proved comparatively inefficient, and are restricted to a very small number of Parishes, and perhaps from the want of what has made other fraternal bodies efficient and persistent, viz: definite relief and definite assurance; and,

WHEREAS, The few cents per capita required for the assurance of a Rector in the society with its members would not be regarded as a burden, and thus the Rector would receive his assurance without cost; and,

WHEREAS, The Clergy and Laity are really one brotherhood with common interests, and fraternal Parochial assurance would make the Pastor one of the Parish to be cared for; and,

WHEREAS, We have the shadow of the grand incidental results of fraternal insurance forecast by the early Laic days of the Pennsylvania society; therefore,

Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended that Parochial Guilds, with definite relief and definite assurance as primary objects, be organized wherever expedient, and when the number of such Guilds shall render it practicable that a Diocesan organization be effected, looking to an eventual national organization.

Resolved, That a committee of three be and hereby is appointed to prepare a system of by-laws for Parochial organizations for relief, assurance and fraternity; and, if they shall think it feasible after correspondence with persons in other Dioceses, to secure from the Legislature of Michigan an act of incorporation for such organization.

6. WHEREAS, There are only thirty-four Clergymen in this Diocese, and less than one hundred in the two Dioceses of Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, The salaries of our Clergy are small and payments tardy; and,

WHEREAS, A portion of our Clergy are interested in several companies of a general character which cannot be much improved for efficiency, safety and economy; therefore,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to organize any especial Life Assurance Society for the Diocese of Western Michigan alone, or even for the whole State, which would contemplate the payment of any considerable amount, or would entrench upon the purposes and objects of any existing society.

Resolved, That only such an organization as has existed in the State of Ohio from an early day appears to be demanded, and could be at all successfully maintained, requiring for each member annually the sum of $5.00, and one deposit with a Treasurer of a premium note for $50.00, not bearing interest, the premium notes or parts of them supplying deficiencies in annuities of $50.00, $75.00 or $100.00, according to the number of the annual payments.

WHEREAS, The liability of even the inadequate support of the Clergy to cease altogether, and thus leave the worn-out minister unprovided for, in protracted sickness or in the decrepitude of age, is a source of great anxiety; and,

WHEREAS, From the experience of the Clergy in the past century as to the Laity, no adequate aid can be secured from them by any plan as yet in use; and,

WHEREAS, The American Church Guild is a corporation based upon safe and scientific principles; therefore,

Resolved, That it appears to be desirable that the Guild may either made a branch of one of the general and successful clerical sociations, or at the earliest prudent moment be placed in a condit of available efficiency.

8. WHEREAS, The Clergymen's Retiring Fund Society, also in porated, contemplates a provision for one of the classes to be provi for by the American Church Guild, viz: the relief of the self-sacr ing veterans in the Ministry of the Church; therefore,

Resolved, That it is desirable that there may be a combination of Retiring Fund Society with the American Church Guild, or, with of the old and reliable Clerical insurance companies, as a branc the same, thus diminishing the number of general societies of gen objects, and by combination creating efficiency.

Resolved, That the attention of liberal-minded Laymen is he called to the importance of benefactions for the augmentation of Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy and the Relief of Widows Orphans of Clergymen," and the attention of Rectors and Parish hereby called to the importance of the "Annual Collection" to taken up in every Parish for the same fund.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. McMURDY,
In behalf of the Committee

A motion was made to print in the Journal only the reso tions presented in the report on Clerical Life Insurance, but view of the offer made by the author of the report, proposing pay the cost of publishing the whole report himself, the mot was withdrawn.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast for members of the Board of Missions, Necessary to a choice, 19. Rev. Walter Scott has received 26 vot Rev. Dr. Schetky, 23; Rev. H. J. Cook, 32; Rev. J. F. Conover, Rev. Robert Wood, 28; Mr. David Fisher, 33; Mr. W. J. Stuart, Mr. F. A. Gorham, 27; Mr. C. P. Dibble, 25; Mr. D. G. Robinson, and they are elected.

W. H. SPARLING
J. B. FOLGER.

The Rev. W. H. Knowlton and Mr. W. R. Shelby were pointed Tellers of the election of one Clerical, and one Lay, D uty to the General Convention.

The result of the first ballot was, "no election," and a sec ballot was ordered.

On motion of the Rev. C. T. Stout,

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint two semi-an

Missionary meetings, at such time and place and under such arrangements as he may deem best; and that the Parishes be recommended to make provision for the expenses of their Clergymen attending these meetings.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

The Registrar respectfully reports that he has received for record from the Bishop of the Diocese, the ordinary minutes, and also Journals of several Dioceses.

SIDNEY BECKWITH,
Registrar.

On motion of the Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer,

Resolved, That S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, be the place of meeting of the next Convention.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast for one Clerical Deputy to General Convention to fill vacancy, 32, of which the Rev. J. T. Magrath has received 21, and is elected. The number of ballots cast for one Lay-Deputy to fill vacancy are 17, and all are for Dr. J. H. Montgomery, who is therefore elected.

W. H. KNOWLTON.
W. R. SHELBY.

On motion, the Rev. J. W. Bancroft was nominated to be Trustee of the General Theological Seminary, in New York.

On motion the Treasurer of the Convention was authorized to pay the sum of $34.00, the same being a supplementary assessment, to meet the expenses of the General Convention.

On motion of the Rev. H. J. Cook,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be instructed to settle existing accounts with Our Dioceses on the best terms possible.

On motion of the Rev. Walter Scott,

Resolved, That after the usual concluding services, the Convention adjourn.

The Convention united in singing the *Gloria in Excelsis*. The

Bishop added a few remarks on the importance of th
the Convention, dry and technical as much of it mus
congratulations upon the harmony and interest that
vailed, and concluding with Prayer and the Blessing
declared the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

GEORGE D. GILLESP
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Attest:

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,
Secretary.

SIDNEY BECKWITH,
Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop's Address.

ELOVED IN THE LORD:

ovidence over our lives, that, while we are never permitted
ie next moment ours, in its continual care and watchfulness
; to look back year after year through perils and pains,
id calamities; brings us again together, to order our affairs
e our borders.

ing for the fourth time in council, our young Diocese is put-
e. Already three Dioceses call us their senior. We have
ur possessions, set our house in order, and are falling into
Diocesan life. We have reached a stand-point of observa-
itage ground of examination, and opportunity and accom-
are brought into serious comparison.

ninded that, in the language of the Canon, "It is deemed
t every Bishop of this Church shall deliver, at least once in
, a charge to the Clergy of his Diocese, unless prevented by
cause, (Title I, Canon 15, § X.). And while it is an accept-
tation, that the present style of Episcopal Address heeds
I would adhere to the letter of the law. The "reasonable
omission is found, in the duties that in the close of the year,
unexpectedly come to me, with the claim of Ecclesiastical
od, and the respect and affection that attached to my long
n the afflicted Diocese.

THE DEATH OF A PRESBYTER.

r. James Selkrig, "an old man and full of days"—seven
nd the four score—passed away on Saturday, October 6th,
7. Mr. Selkrig's connection with the Diocese dates from
was then Rector of S. Peter's Church, St. Joseph, and
urch, Niles. In 1839, he was transferred to the charge of
ld Indian Mission, near Bradley, Allegan County. Here he
until the removal of the restless tribe, and his infirmities of
ally suspended his labors. For many years "his eye was
is natural force abated." The Mission had its day of vigor,
e were the tokens of the promised blessing on "the riches of

Christ" dispensed among the Gentiles, in the faithfulness of the Herald of the cross. To-day, I find the traces of the Church's first and only venture in Michigan, to bring the aborigines into the fold of the Good Shepherd. I had twice visited our venerable brother. His death occurred during my absence at the General Convention. The neighboring clergy would have been ready to show their respect to his memory by presence at the funeral had they been aware of his decease.

UNEMPLOYED AND UNSETTLED CLERGYMEN.

The transition from the ended stewardship to the suspended and changing ministry, is not unnatural.

That, of our little band of workmen of the Lord, five, almost one-fifth of all we claim, should have no special care of souls, at first mention seems even painful. Yet there are explanations. For two of the number, the years have drawn nigh when wearied nature seeks the rest it may take, in the complacency of having never ceased from the labor, the care and diligence "of Priestly charge," until "the hands hung down and the knees were feeble."

But when we look beyond our borders, an unemployed and an unsettled Ministry cause anxious thought. I open for you a page of my experience when I say, that I dread the announcement of a vacant Parish, even though it be of low degree, for the rush of applications that immediately ensues. Our Parishes are demoralized by the self-seeking and seeking through friends, when the door is open for a new incumbent. They are puffed up by being sought. They come to a thought of a Priest as being over him, his condescending patrons, rather than he being "over them in the Lord." They come to speculate over this supply, in fixing compensation. They sit Sunday after Sunday nice critics of those who ask their favor.

Now what is the explanation? Partly, an unemployed clergy—men who must "eat the bread of their God," or starve. The Priest who is fallen poor must have our sympathy, and never more than when he is on his knees before men. But more I think, an unsettled clergy. And again, we ask the explanation. It will be said, the people are so fickle. Very true, but "like people like Priest." Have the clergy the Church's mind on Ministerial abiding as expressed in the Letter of Institution, "until some urgent reason or reasons occasion a wish in you, or in the congregation committed to your charge, to bring about a separation and dissolution of all sacerdotal relation, between you and them: of all which you will give us due notice!" Is not the resignation, sometimes, prompted by a keen sensitiveness to present discomfort, and an equally exaggerated anticipation connected with a new position? We can appreciate the uneasiness made by alienation or

even enmity among the flock; and yet is there no duty to the Master to withstand what after all has its root in enmity to Him? Are not the more important town and the larger parochial statistics, sometimes deceptive factors in counting the "labor more abundant?" Is it not the toil that is under the eye of the Lord's gracious favor, that has even now his cheering, "well done good and faithful servant;" when a success is conquering against "many adversaries?" May I be pardoned a personal reference to witness to my brethren of the clergy, that I thank God that I can look back on periods of the long pastorate, even constrained, held fast, shut up, to abide, when it was not my mind; and that no Ministry in its review brings me greater comfort than that of the village Parish.

When we seek the explanation of unemployed and unsettled Clergymen, we must also look away from the Clergy. The people do not want the permanent pastorate. They see tameness in the same voice and countenance in the desk and pulpit as years roll round, and life and growth in a new Preacher, if not in a new Pastor, every few years, and "the few" is not according to the definition of St. Peter. Is it not the implied continuance, in "the committing of the charge of the congregation," of the Institution office, that has brought what is so meet and right, into disuse? Then, a relation over which charity should pre-eminently preside as "the bond of perfectness," seems least to feel her benign influence. May we not say, that often occasion is found because it is sought. Where shall the "charity that suffereth long and is kind," be found, as in a bond that God has formed, a tie designed to unite earth and heaven, a fellowship that is supposed to come to pass by faith and prayer? And yet what criticisms do we hear of the "Messenger, Watchman, and Steward of the Lord?" What causes are assigned for a change? What is a common history of clerical dismissal? The few, and they perhaps no pattern of a single virtue that has the Church's praise, want a change, and reversing the law, "the majority must rule," a satisfied flock are deprived of their Pastor. Oh it makes "the whole head sick and the whole heart faint," the talk one has to hear from vestries and parishes when they would bring in a Pastor, and when they would send off a Pastor, it is all so of hire, the hireling, so far away from the New Testament, and the Ordinal repeating the New Testament. Of course a Ministry of men is a Ministry of ignorance and errors, of failures and faults, yes, of sins before God and man, but did the Lord ever mean that His Ministers, His "earthen vessels," must stand or fall as they might be approved or disapproved before the ignorance, the prejudice, the conceit, the hate of what is true and what is good, of men and women who may be found in an ordinary congregation?

The cure of souls may be, by the Clergy sent out by Episcopal authority to serve the Parish or Mission for a time, the "Stated Supply" system of one denomination, the "traveling preachers" of another, or by the Parochial call that looks only to continuance in the charge. This Church has declared for the latter system, a fixed Pastorate. If the former system is to be substituted, the sooner we adjust the machinery the better. If the Church will hold to her ancient polity, clearly she must have the power to do more for her pastors than refer them to seeking Parishes, and she must educate pastors and people out of views and practices that militate against her mind and her law. The time has come for "great impressions of heart" on these things.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The proceedings of our great Council have been spread before the Church. Our clerical representation was full during nearly the whole session, but only half the lay representation claimed their seats, and for the last three days, when matters of deep interest were reaching decision, to our regret, the Lay Deputies had found it necessary to withdraw.

THE CANON OF SHORTENED SERVICES.

Legislation is often as decided in failure to legislate, as in the passage of rigid law with unanimity or decided majority. Hence, in the failure to pass of two Canons, a very noticeable record was made by this Convention.

I refer first to the Canon of Shortened Services.

Any leading question in so large a body of active thinkers, their judgments at least reached by their antecedents of training and experience, and their sectional observation; must be looked at from various stand points. No doubt some saw in every suggestion, repression rather than liberty, and the opposition of others would be explained in the language, "they had the power already to shorten the services as they would."

The interested parties are especially, the Rectors and Parishes adhering to "Daily Morning and Evening Prayer." Hence, our rural Diocese, where the clergy can scarcely venture on more than two or three services a week except in the Lenten tide, has but little immediate home interest in the matter. As to Missionary work, it is well ruled, that it is from under the strict law of parochial services, we must trust in the loyalty and judgment of the laborer.

The liberty of "separation, of the Morning Prayer, the Litany, and the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper, into distinct services, which may be used independently of each other, and either

of them without the others," even with the conscience clause "when desirable;" gives all the liberty needed in ordinary parochial work. This is liberty without the dangerous license of omission or addition: each service must be used in its entireness. I believe that nothing grates more upon the feelings to which as inheritors of a Liturgy we are entitled, than variation from a form every syllable of which we have known from our youth up.

I have referred to the *conscience clause*, for so I regard it. The Church declares for the old order of Morning Prayer, Litany and Holy Communion, only she says, let not changes and chances be overlooked, nor "much speaking" hinder devotion.

The complaint is sometimes made of lengthened services, and there are even omissions, when unnecessary time is given to the musical portions. It is "the duty of every Minister of this Church to give order," even "concerning the tunes to be sung." (Title I., Canon 23.)

THE CANON OF SISTERHOODS.

Of the failure of the Canon of Sisterhoods, I should not speak, had not "those who seek occasion," extracted from it a pretended endorsement by the Church in her General Convention of the errors even of Romanism. That Canon, originating in the House of Bishops, bears on the face of it evidence that it was meant to repress, "the erratic caprices of sentimentalism," which is a gentle expression of facts, of Sisterhoods, not without praise for good works. It has been said in the same breath with, "I was glad for the loss of the Canon," "No man can look into the history of religious orders without feeling that they have caused more religious disorders than anything else in the Church; and the secret of the trouble has always been one and the same—a disregard of Diocesan Episcopal authority." (The Address of the Bishop of Albany, 1878.) To prevent "the trouble," is precisely what the Canon sought to do. The House of Bishops very decidedly put themselves on record as authorizing these forms of female beneficence only with suitable safeguard. The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies rejected their action, and even with the breach of usual courtesy in not asking a committee of conference, the vote, taken in a thin house, in the latter days of the session, when dissected by the aid of the debates, will scarcely cast the reflection of an endorsement of the practices and forms of self-will, the Bishops sought to prevent and proscribe. Practically, the Church is committed to the separation of women for lives of self-denial and consecration in doing good, but like every other ministry in her pale, this must be with reverent obedience of just authority "following with a glad mind and will godly admonitions and submitting to godly judgments."

THE CANON OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

I gratefully turn to what the Convention did do:

The Canon of "Marriage and Divorce" no longer presents the anomaly, of forbidding the Minister to "solemnize the marriage," while yet he must receive the parties, "married otherwise than as the word of God and discipline of this Church allow," to the ordinances and Sacraments of the Church. As every law dates its power only from its being, the contradiction must exist—our punishment for past fear of man rather than honor of God, but time will remove the inconsistency; and to-day the Church "stands right," protesting against human laws that insult God, and the sentiment that has made them and has been moulded by them.

I suggest to my brethren, the Clergy, that considering what law and public sentiment are, it is even a duty to our people to acquaint them with what the Church has done. And if the information of Holy Wedlock shall reach to prohibition of marriage between persons connected by a certain degree of relationship, and something shall be said in explanation of "only in the Lord," in S. Paul's Canon of marriage; a much needed service will be rendered to society and religion. Social life is sadly disordered. The Courts of Law solemnly so pronounce, the Press indecently so promulgates, society itself so gossips, and the Church more than she cares to tell so feels. And much of the evil begins where social life begins, in "the twain becoming one flesh."

THE MISSIONARY CANON.

The so-called Missionary Canon is a vast improvement on our past mode of action. It makes the General Convention the Board of Missions, the work is unified, a Board of Managers of thirty, exclusive of the Bishops, takes the place of a great Board that gathered annually in minority, chiefly from neighboring Dioceses; each field has the benefit of its special students and advisers, and yet the supervision of the whole Board.

Yet while I like the change, I must confess, that I am weary with so much planning and so little performance; so much expression with the lip and the pen of our duty, and yet that duty left almost untouched; so much readiness to magnify what we have done, instead of shame and sorrow over what we are leaving undone. The Church has never given her heart, soul, and strength to her missionary work. It is the exception, and the very marked exception, when a Parish seriously takes in hand and heart, what is to be done with the Church that is not our Parish. It would seem as if the dollar that does not come straight to the Parochial treasury was begrudged. Missions are abandoned,

Missionaries are almost unfed, glorious opportunities are lost; and yet the money is lavished on the Church only to please the eye; the expenses of a choir would support a Missionary Bishop, the decorations of a festival would furnish a Missionary's house. Nor is this indifference the sin only of cities and their high rank Parishes, nor may it be said, the people hold the purse and they will have it so. This selfishness works in our humble Churches and in our Missions, I am afraid it works in the hearts of our Clergy. Do you think that if a Minister has the Missionary heart of St. Paul, he will not work or worry his people into some common sense, that calling themselves Christians and Churchmen, they owe something outside their House of Worship and their town? I am sure we have passed resolutions enough, and what we want now is, to take up each one, and if it is good enough, to "spread it before the Lord," and solemnly utter, "I am so persuaded and determined by God's grace." And our organization is well enough, and what now remains is to work it out to the glory of God, in the extension of His Church.

THE SPIRIT OF THE CONVENTION AND OF THE CHURCH.

There has been much congratulation over the spirit of peace and unity prevailing in the sessions of the Convention, and indeed pervading the Church. I am sure that this Church has settled down to a much more reasonable and religious view of variant opinion and practice than once prevailed. Names that savor of disloyalty are no longer bestowed for the violation of a rubric, or for rather more sympathy for what is outside the Church than is common. Men are judged, as they ought to be, by the general tenor of their work and speech.

This is all well, and we can all pray for such "peace of Jerusalem," but that is no true peace that is purchased by "calling evil good," in adopting error, or what is next to adopting it, after it has "climbed up some other way," allowing it "peaceable habitation." As long as there are among us Parishes, where a Churchman "to the manor born," is confronted with a ritual his well conned Prayer Book never revealed to him, where a Priest of long service at the altar must receive a long lesson in the Parish Use before he can venture even to sit in the Chancel; as long as there are Deacons and Priests who substitute for their mother tongue the speech of a Church, that this Church hath placed under the anathema, of having "erred, not only in living and manner of ceremonies but also in matters of Faith," who urge practices, against which the standards and the history of the Church cry out, "we have no such custom," and preach what is "another Gospel than that we have received" from our Liturgy, Articles, and Homilies; as long as these things are so, though they are exceptional to the de-

gree that a whole Diocese may be utterly free from them, and activity rather than numbers makes the development; our peace in the Church Militant is not wholly that of which the Angels sang, and which our blessed Lord bequeathed to his Church—"My peace I give unto you."

And when we are inquiring into the good estate of the Church, we can but express our fears that the terms, "schools of thought," and "broad Church," may be the convenient covering of laxity of belief. Certainly we hear sympathies expressed that do not accord with that clear, sharp one, in which the Church has been wont to utter her creed. Have we no reason to fear, that wearying of the simple story of "the Lamb of God taking away the sin of the world," or annoyed by the assaults that "thus saith the Lord" must answer, they who should be only "valiant for the truth on earth," have sought refuge in vain philosophy that offends the mystery of "God manifest in the flesh," "God purchasing the Church with His own blood," and essays to make "God's thoughts" more "our thoughts," when he shall "arise to judgment" on disobedience. Turning the great mysteries of the Gospel, cardinal, undeniable truths of essential importance, into theories; is this, only a painful possibility, or is it something realized even under the protection of the Apostles' Creed?

My Brethren of the Clergy, it seems to me, that while we thankfully accept all the Church's true peace, while our confidence in her as "the Household of faith," "the Holy Temple in the Lord," is unshaken, there are two duties that devolve upon us. As regards her worship, that close adherence to rubric and "traditions," that the feelings of those who from their youth up "have heard with their ears and their fathers have told them," be not offended, while the spirit that so shamefully trifles with the very covenant of ordination, is sternly rebuked by our practice. What is it, to forego a preference to save a principle, to yield taste to bear testimony. For instance, the omission of a lesson, the insertion of a hymn, the unusual method of making a response, the repeating with the Minister instead of the usual assent of the Amen, the substitution of the Choir and the hymn for the Minister's impressive utterance of the offertory sentences, and kindred changes which affect no man's loyalty—what is the gain in time, for taste, even for edification and devotion; in comparison with the stern protest of rubrical exactness, which the times call for against handling the Prayer Book deceitfully.

And higher, nobler yet, is the duty of setting forth with every essential of impressiveness the cardinal truths that constitute the glorious Gospel of the Blessed God, committed to our trust. If some are disposed to tamper with vital and valuable truths, while they are re-

proved by great plainness of speech, let the dishonor to truth bring out the warmth and worth of friendship.

Aside from what may give us anxiety within our own fold, it is no "busy bodying in other men's matters," when we say, that the religion of the day runs very much to the weakening of Creed, that standards frown on the pulpits that own them. It seems to me, that it is the Church's bounden duty, as it is her precious opportunity, to stand forth the faithful witness to the people; that the burden of our preaching should be very much "sound doctrine." "The faith once delivered to the saints," needs a witnessing Church. There *must* be souls, "nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine," that are heart sick over the taking away of the Lord, and they will be drawn where they can hear the loved words of life. In our day and generation, let us "stand fast in the faith, quit us like men, be strong."

DIOCESAN RELATION TO THE CHURCH.

I have long detained you, the members of a Diocesan Convention, on matters that may seem rather outside the intent of our assembling, but for us to confine our thought and inquiry to our Diocesan household, were as short-sighted and as unchurchly, as is that course of the Parish we so complain of. There can be no Diocesan independence in obligation or in sympathy. The walls of separation almost vanish before the Constitution and the Canons. We have no barriers, that offences, whether in faith or conversation, may not pass our borders. The Church's sorrow or the Church's joy, though the wail or the song be heard from afar, are *our* sorrow and *our* joy, to hang our harp on the willows, or raise the hand to sweep its strings. "Small and of no reputation," we rise to the dignity and comfort of the Church of Christ, as we "lift up our eyes round about, and behold," how the Dioceses of many States and wide area, "gather themselves together and come to us."

EPISCOPAL ACTS.

I present the required detail of the office of a Bishop. Our Convention closed its sessions on the afternoon of May 31, 1877. Its only painful feature was the meagre representation of the Laity.

June 3, 1st Sunday after Trinity, **Allegan**, Church of the Good Shepherd, A. M., preached and addressed the Sunday School. Evening, preached and confirmed 9.

June 10, 2d Sunday after Trinity, **Big Rapids**, S. Andrew's, A. M., preached and addressed the Sunday School. Evening, preached.

June 13, Wednesday, A. M., preached, ordained Priest, the Rev. William Matthias, and administered the Holy Communion; the Can-

didate presented by the Rev. Joseph S. Large. The examinations had occupied the two previous days; the Candidate preached at three special services. In this way the spirit of the Ember Days was in part preserved, the congregation attending the services.

June 14, Thursday, **Grand Rapids,** a meeting of the Committee on a Summer Resort was held. The arrangements made for an excursion to the Grand Traverse country fell through from what we could not foresee, and a later appointment met too little encouragement. I do not at all abandon this idea, nor do I mean to treat it as only an idea. Though others have gone forward while we have stood still, there remaineth land enough to be possessed, and with every year the facilities for travel and residence improve.

June 17, Third Sunday after Trinity, **Grand Rapids.** A. M., **S. Mark's,** aided in the services. Evening, **S. Paul's,** assisted the Rector.

June 18–22, Monday–Thursday, **Flint,** the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind. Acted as examiner. While the advancement made, especially by the deaf and dumb, is far beyond what I supposed possible, the whole life of the Institution impressed me very agreeably. I have a feeling of sincere respect for all the teachers in their difficult task, and a deep interest in the children of the closed eye and ear.

June 22, Friday, **Grand Rapids,** attended the meeting of the Board of Missions to apportion the stipends—a task that draws on one's thought and sympathy. I may mention here, that all the year through your Board have been embarrassed by the uncertainty of funds coming from the Domestic Committee. The Diocese had to assume all obligation. The patience of the Treasurer has been tried and proved in "keeping things straight." The number of Missionaries of the Domestic Committee has been reduced, the funds are paid through the Bishop, and we hope in future to have less missionary arithmetic and less correspondence of inquiry and explanation.

June 24, 4th Sunday after Trinity, **Hastings,** Emmanuel Church, A. M., preached; P. M., met the Sunday School; evening, preached and confirmed 4. This was a visit of relief to our Secretary. I was glad a little proud of our Diocese when the stand was taken, that the one who did special work should not be the poorer thereby, and the good six weeks' work of the Secretary should not be all paid for in resolutions of thanks; and I was sorry when the Convention took a backward step. I thought the lesson was a good one for the Convention to teach the Parishes, for the idea is, not so much that church work is paid for by the hour, as it is, that it is not worth any pay.

June 26-27, Tuesday-Wednesday, **Racine College, Wisconsin,** attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees, and the Commencement appointments. The College, while affected by the times, is in a healthy condition financially. I hope the Warden who has brought it to its present prosperity will feel that God's Providence has here appointed his abiding place.

June 29, St. Peter's Day, **Nashotah** was present with several Bishops at the usual services in the chapel. It is understood that the institution is burdened with debt. I say burdened, for debt must be a burden, even if there is property to meet it. Nashotah needs all her capital, as her income is cut off, bankruptcy is more imminent. Either we should be relieved from the painful apprehension of closed doors, or we should have the mind and find the way to work to avert one of the saddest things that could happen to the Church in the Northwest.

P. M., **North Lake,** S. Peter's, preached and confirmed 4. This was at the kind suggestion of the Bishop of Wisconsin, as a candidate of this Diocese is here doing his first work.

July 1, Fifth Sunday after Trinity, assisted the Bishop in the services at a **Chapel** near Nashotah.

July 8, Sixth Sunday after Trinity, **Albion,** S. James', A. M., preached and addressed the children. Evening, preached.

July 9-11, Monday-Wednesday, visited with the Board for Charities and Corrections, the State Prison, the Reform School, the Asylum for the Insane, the School for Destitute Children, the Detroit House of Correction, and an Asylum for the Insane in Charge of Sisters of Charity near Detroit. We have reason to be proud of all these institutions.

They deal judiciously with the great problems of crime and poverty. We need especially a Reformatory for women. A city House of Correction is no place for those, who though their feet may have far declined from the path of female virtue have not yet "taken hold on hell." The Insane Asylum has lost the long and able services of Dr. Van Deusen. Only those who have been familiar with the Institution can know the toil and trial of such a position, the latter not so much from the care within as the ignorance and prejudice without.

July 11, Wednesday, **Sturgis,** S. John's, confirmed by night, one, who "came to the everlasting kingdom" before the dawn. It was one of those incidents that give us the sweet confidence that God guides our steps.

July 15, 7th Sunday after Trinity, **Saugatuck,** All Saints, A. M., preached, confirmed one and addressed the youth.

Holland, Grace, P. M., met the Sunday School as a Missionary Association, and addressed them. This Church has been rescued through the agency of the Trustees of the Diocese, and is now in the hands of its friends.

The Rector of these Parishes has been away for several months, and the services have been by lay readers.

July 17, Tuesday, **Sturgis,** S. John's, P. M., laid the Corner stone. From that day neither stone nor timber has been laid upon it. I hope it will not long be said that "the time is not yet" for a jubilant service; and then no work nor workman is not to the honor of the Church.

July 22, 8th Sunday after Trinity, **Ionia,** S. John's, A. M., preached and spoke to the children. Evening, preached and baptized an infant.

July 23–25, Monday–Wednesday, **Traverse City,** Grace, the Grand Rapids Convocation. Administered the Holy Communion on Wednesday and St. James' Day. On Tuesday afternoon, baptized an infant in private. The effort to gather the Clergy at so distant a point was entirely successful.

July 29, Ninth Sunday after Trinity, **Old Mission,** A. M., officiated. Evening, held a service at the Boarding House. We were a congregation of many names for one number, but we seemed to worship in spirit and in truth. P. M., baptized an infant.

August 5, Tenth Sunday after Trinity, **Grand Rapids, Grace,** administered the Holy Communion.

August 19, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, **Eaton Rapids,** S. Matthias' Mission. A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. **Charlotte,** Grace Mission. Evening, preached and confirmed 1.

August 22, Wednesday, **Grand Rapids, S. Mark's,** lectured.

August 24, Friday, **Baldwin,** preached. The place has no house of worship. There are a very few church people.

August 26, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Manistee,** S. Paul's Mission. A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, preached and baptized three infants. The Rev. Mr. Prichard and myself called on the people. I have already noticed this Mission.

August 28, Tuesday, **Ludington,** Grace, preached and confirmed 8.

August 29, Wednesday, **Grand Rapids, S. Mark's Chapel,** confirmed 1.

August 30, Thursday, **Grand Rapids,** meetings of the Board of Missions and Trustees of the Diocese.

September 2, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Sturgis,** S. John's, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. **Burr Oak,** Grace, P. M., performed the same services.

September 3, Monday, **Mendon,** evening, preached.

September 4–5, Tuesday, Wednesday, **Paw Paw,** St. Mark's, Kalamazoo Convocation. Administered the Holy Communion. This was such a Convocation as bears its own witness and increases our liking for such gatherings.

September 9, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Saranac,** Trinity, preached and met the children. On the previous evening solemnized a marriage. The Minister at Ionia tendered this Parish services, but a closed church was thought better than an open purse. An appointment for Lowell on this day failed from some local cause.

September 19, 21 and 22, Wednesday Friday and Saturday, Ember Days, **Grand Rapids.** Held two services on each of these days in the three Parishes; preached once, delivered three addresses, and administered the Holy Communion twice. This observance was partly with reference to the approaching General Convention. I should like that the unity of the Church should be presented in more such services. Parish lines will always be clear enough, we need to show a church that makes no more than necessary account of them.

September 21, Friday, P. M., laid the corner-stone of **Grace Church.** Addresses were delivered by myself, the Rectors of S. Mark's and Grace.

September 23, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, Grand Rapids, S. **Mark's,** preached.

October. The month of October was spent in **Boston** in attendance on the General Convention. The proceedings I have already noticed.

October 7, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, **East Boston,** S. John's. Evening, delivered a Missionary Address.

October 21, Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, **Jamaica Plains,** S. John's, preached.

October 28, 22d Sunday after Trinity, **Harlem, N. Y.,** S. Andrew's, P. M., addressed the Sunday School, evening, preached.

November 4, 23d Sunday after Trinity, **Courtland,** S. Paul's, A. M., preached in a hall, and administered the Holy Communion. Christ, **Plainfield,** evening, preached, and because it seemed advisable, administered the Holy Communion.

November 7, Wednesday, **Casnovia,** evening, preached, the Rev. Dr. Schetky taking the Service.

November 11, 24th Sunday after Trinity, **Plainwell,** A. M., officiated, and gave the people the privilege of the Holy Communion. Evening, preached and confirmed one. The property is properly secured and windows have been put in the Chapel.

November 12, Monday, **Bradley, late Griswold Indian Mission,** P. M., addressed the Indians through an Interpreter. The land, held in trust by Bishop McCoskry, has been sold for taxes. I fear that these poor people will be driven from their only earthly possession, yet this might be averted would they let some suitable person act for them.

November 13-15, Tuesday-Thursday, **Allegan,** Good Shepherd, the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting. I administered the Holy Communion and made several brief addresses. Sixteen clergymen were present. No meeting has made a better record in praise of such appointments.

November 18, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, **Kalamazoo, S. John's,** A. M., preached and confirmed 3. Evening, preached. P. M., S. Barnabas' Chapel, preached.

November 19, Monday, **Galesburg,** P. M., the Holy Communion at a private house. Evening, preached.

November 20, Tuesday, **Paw Paw,** S. Mark's, met the Vestry in reference to the charge of the Parish.

November 20, P. M., **Decatur,** administered the Holy Communion. Evening, officiated and baptized a child.

November 22, Thursday, **Grand Rapids, S. Mark's Home,** conducted the service.

November 23, Friday, **S. Mark's,** P. M., held the usual service.

November 25, Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity, **St. Joseph,** Ch. A. M., officiated and administered the Holy Communion. Evening met the parishioners in reference to resuming services. P. M., officiated at **Benton Harbor.**

November 26, Monday, **South Haven,** evening, preached, and few who assembled on a stormy night communed.

November 28, Wednesday, **Grand Haven,** S. John's, preached and confirmed 2.

November 29, Thanksgiving Day, preached and felt thankfulness for "all the blessings of this life." I am pained to feel that I shall

no more meet the Rector in my rounds. He seemed one of us as much as any Minister in the Diocese, but he had seen duty elsewhere, and while he takes with him the comfort, that in his works "the last were more than the first," we have only pleasant recollections for him and his.

November 30, St. Andrew's Day, **S. Mark's Grand Rapids,** A. M., gave the Saints' Day Communion.

December 2, First Sunday in Advent, **Three Rivers,** Trinity, A. M., preached, and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., **Centerville,** the Holy Communion at a private house, and officiated in the Methodist house of worship.

December 9, Second Sunday in Advent, **Ionia,** S. John's, A. M., preached and met the children. Evening, preached and confirmed 5. The Vestry continue in the very unchurchly way of not calling their Minister, but there is some talk of improving their place of worship, which is well if it is an easy way of coming to the only thing worth thinking of, building a church.

December 16, 3d Sunday in Advent, **Grand Rapids, Grace,** A. M., preached and confirmed 1; spoke to the children. Evening, **S. Paul's,** delivered an address on Hugh Latimer.

December 19, Wednesday, Ember Day, **S. Mark's,** evening, officiated.

December 20, Thursday, **Kalamazoo, S. John's,** met the Vestry. The Rev. R H. Paine had resigned; in a year he had brought the Parish up to the point of determination to live. We have lost in him a man who wherever he found work to do, did it.

December 21–22, St. Thomas' and Ember Days, **Battle Creek,** S. Thomas' preached twice and made an address. Such services in a Parish in the first Ember Season after a Rectorship is filled, are in place (not willingly) of the office of Institution. They were very gratifying to me here, the Parish had called so wisely and well.

December 23, Fourth Sunday in Advent, **Homer,** Christ, A. M., sermon and Holy Communion. P. M. the children. Evening, preached. Things looked a little brighter, but age and feebleness are the Parish life.

December 24–25, Christmas Eve and Day, **Marshall,** Trinity. I came here for a genial Christmas, and I found it. We had the children's service, without which there is no Christmas, the Nativity with song of gladness and blessed Sacrament, and then, so meet and right; we went to the poor and suffering and tried to do for them as we knew the Master would have us do.

December 27, St. John the Evangelist, **S. Mark's, Grand Rapids,** the Holy Communion.

December 28, Holy Innocents', Grand Rapids, **S. Mark's**, A.M., the Holy Communion; evening, a few words to the children gathered for their Christmas. P. M., **Good Shepherd**, the same pleasant duty.

December 30, Sunday after Christmas, the **Good Shepherd** for once had a morning and afternoon service, Rev. Dr. Foster, always ready to assist as he may, was with me. If I had Sundays at home it should be opened oftener. Evening, **S. Mark's**, preached on the close of the year.

December 31, January 1, 1878, **Hastings**, Emmanuel. Here, where I am almost as much at home in the Church as in the Rectory, I united with the Rector to hallow the outgoing and incoming of the year. We should always enter into the courts of the Lord when time makes its own Feast and Fast.

January 6, Epiphany, **Whitehall**, A. M. and evening, preached and spoke to the children. Improvements have been made in the Church edifice. It is a great relief to me that the Rector has determined to decline a call. The bond of Pastor and people should be now all the closer.

January 4, **Fremont**, P. M., administered the Communion. Evening preached. In this new town we have our "two or three."

January 8–10, Tuesday–Thursday, **Grand Rapids,** in attendance upon the annual meeting of the Superintendents of the Poor. The Rev. H. J. Cook read an excellent paper bringing out what such meetings are apt to ignore, the working under Christianity and individual responsibility.

January 13, First Sunday after the Epiphany, **Traverse City**, preached, administered the Holy Communion, confirmed 4, and met the children.

January 15–16, Tuesday, Wednesday, **Newaygo,** S. Mark's Mission, the Convocation of Grand Rapids. The usual services and discussions were had, and the people entered heartily into all the appointments. Confirmed 2.

January 20, Second Sunday after Epiphany, **Big Rapids**, S. Andrew's, preached twice, and gave the usual attention to the children. The lesson that is needed in this Parish, not to be taught, but to be received, is, that every *man* in it is "to give account of himself to God."

January 21, Monday, **Reed City**, preached. The place is likely to grow, and should not be neglected.

January 23, Wednesday, **Grand Rapids, S. Mark's**, preached.

January 25, Conversion of St. Paul, administered the Holy Communion.

January 27, Third Sunday after Epiphany, **Kalamazoo, St. Luke's**, A. M., preached. Evening, **S. Barnabas'**, preached and confirmed 7, the first fruits of this real Mission.

February 2, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. A. M., **Grand Rapids, S. Mark's**, the Holy Communion.

February 3, Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion and conducted the children's monthly service. The Rector was absent for needed rest.

February 5-6, Tuesday, Wednesday, **Coldwater**, the Kalamazoo Convocation. At this, as at the meeting of the Grand Rapids Convocation at Traverse City, among other subjects, the use of intoxicating drinks was discussed, and the Church's position was defined to her vindication from charges that some are very ready "to tell and to hear."

February 10, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, **Albion**, S. James', preached twice, confirmed 4, addressed the Sunday School. This Parish is towards forty years old, and I cannot see why it should not flourish. The Church is well located, attractive, the village not declining, the Rector able and earnest; influential persons are attached to the congregation. Would that the people would "set their affection to the house of their God."

February 11, Monday, **Union City**, Grace, P. M. and evening, gave the people the privilege their lay service denies, the Holy Communion, and preached.

February 17, Septuagesima, **Muskegon**, S. Paul's, A. M. and evening, preached, administered the Holy Communion, addressed the children, baptized the infant of the Rector, and confirmed 11. On Friday, I had given an instruction to the candidates.

February 21, Thursday, **Greenville**, P. M. and evening, the Holy Communion and preached.

February 22, **Stanton**, P. M. and evening, officiated as usual where we have no services. The number of Churchmen and the place would warrant regular services.

February 24, Sexagesima and S. Matthias, **Grand Rapids, S. Paul's**, A. M., preached. **S. Mark's**, baptized the infant of the Rector. P. M., **Paris**, preached in a school house, where the Rectors of S. Mark's and Grace hold services. Evening, **Grace**, preached. This was the

third Anniversary of my solemn setting apart to this office and Ministry, and I was grateful to my God that for three years he had let me plant and water and owned my humble work, and to my brethren for tokens of their sympathy and affection.

February 27, Wednesday, **Battle Creek**, S. Thomas', Consecration. It was "a high day" for us all; our wishes all succeeded to make the day what it was worthy to be. "The bright shining" is very comforting when we live so much among the shadows.

February 28, Thursday, **Rockford**, officiated and baptized two children. I was here as in other places, that it may not be, the places that have once known us, know us no more.

March 3, Quinquagesima, **Kalamazoo. S. John's**, officiated all day, with the Holy Communion in the morning. It was lonely with no Rector to greet me and the closed Rectory.

Here I met our venerable brother, whom to say Paw Paw, is to think of. He was on his way with his family to old New England. Men as they are going the way of all the earth want to look once more upon the scenes that linger on memory bright with the light of earlier days. May God give him to lean heavily on the strong Arm as he is passing through the dark valley.

March 6, Ash Wednesday, **Allegan**, Church of the Good Shepherd, two sermons and a confirmation, 2 candidates, opened the Fast.

March 10, First Sunday in Lent, **Casnovia**, officiated all day, the Holy Communion in the afternoon. This is a Grand Rapids Mission started by a lady from S. Mark's, and receiving services from the Rector with the Rector of S. Paul's. In the confirmation of five mature persons, there is warrant for their continued zeal.

March 12, Tuesday, **Lyons**, officiated and the Supper of the Lord by night. This is old ground with associations not very agreeable.

March 15-16, Ember Days, **Paw Paw**, S. Mark's. The Ember Days were kept as an Institution office. Indeed, I could "salute and welcome and bid God speed" to my friend and brother.

March 17, Second Sunday in Lent, **Mendon**, S. Paul's, I spent the day and ministered as to a vacant Parish, with Holy Eucharist and Parish meeting.

March 18, Monday, **Sturgis**, S. John's, P. M., administered the Holy Communion with an Address and preached in the evening. The Rev. H. Safford had recently sent in his resignation, but the Vestry have not given the Canonical notice.

March 24, Third Sunday in Lent, **Evart,** S. John's Mission, A. M,. preached; evening, preached and confirmed 3.

March 25, Monday, **Farwell,** Trinity Mission, evening, preached and confirmed 5. Hersey, Evart and Farwell were our first venture on new ground. The prospect seemed bright for a work that should combine sufficient charge, and would slowly develope into the permanency of Chapels. But "our desire has not been made to grow." The fault is not in the planting of the Board, nor the nurturing of the Missionary. The changing population of lumber towns, an active prejudice, the stagnation of business, have brought us to the question: how shall we hold the ground? The Mission has had two years' life.

March 31, Fourth Sunday in Lent, **Niles,** Trinity, A. M., preached; P. M., confirmed in private, 1; evening, preached and confirmed 50. The congregation is large and the financial matters are put on a good basis.

April 1, Monday, **Decatur,** P. M., confirmed 4 in private, administered the Holy Communion, and preached. The question put to the people here as in similar cases is, will you give of your ability for precious privileges?

April 14, Sixth Sunday in Lent, **Kalamazoo, S, Luke's,** preached twice, confirmed 5, administered the Holy Communion, and conducted the children's service.

April 15, Monday in Holy Week, **Marshall,** Trinity, met the children, preached and confirmed 15.

April 16, Tuesday in Holy Week, **Battle Creek,** S. Thomas', preached and confirmed 18.

April 17, Wednesday in Holy Week, **Grand Rapids, S. Mark's Home,** A. M., confirmed 1.

April 18, Thursday in Holy Week, **Burr Oak,** Grace, administered the Holy Communion with an Address and officiated in the evening. At every visitation there is talk of doing something with the Chapel, but I return to find the only change that made by wind and weather.

April 19–22, Good Friday, Easter Even, Easter Day, Easter Monday, **Coldwater,** S. Mark's, preached four times, confirmed 5, celebrated the Holy Communion, gave the early Easter morning greeting to the children. The Chapel with its new robing room is very comfortable, but S. Mark's for age and strength is worthy a Church.

April 20, Easter Even, **Quincy,** evening, preached and confirmed 3. The Trustees of the Diocese hold a note of the Rev. H. Safford for the

money belonging to the Mission, amounting with interest to about $1,000.

April 28, 1st Sunday after Easter, **Grand Rapid's, S. Mark's,** preached and confirmed 11. Evening, **S. Paul's,** preached and confirmed 3.

April 30–May 2, Tuesday–Thursday, **Marshall**, Trinity, the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. W. Clark, Jr., of S. Paul's, Church, Detroit. A very fair proportion of the Clergy was present, and in the character of the papers and discussions, the reputation of these gatherings was fully sustained.

May 5, Second Sunday after Easter, **Charlotte,** Grace Mission, preached, confirmed 1, and celebrated the Holy Communion. P. M., addressed the children. Evening, **Eaton Rapids,** S. Matthias' Mission, preached. The support at this point is materially lessened.

May 6, Monday, **Hastings**, Emmanuel, preached and confirmed 13.

May 8, Wednesday, **Grand Rapids. S. Mark's**, preached and confirmed 5.

May 12, Third Sunday after Easter, **Grand Ledge,** evening, officiated. The Rev. J. W. Clark, of Lansing, promises some attention to this place.

May 15, Wednesday, **Bradley,** baptized at a private house 4 children.

May 23, Wednesday, **Muskegon,** S. Paul's, met the Vestry on business.

May 30, Ascension Day, **Coopersville**, Epiphany Mission, A. M., preached, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed 1, whose assent could not be that of the lip, but we doubt not was manifest to Him who searches the heart.

June 2, Sunday after Ascension, A. M., Kent County Poor House, P. M., Grand Rapids, Good Shepherd, confirmed 1.

June 4, Tuesday, **Battle Creek**, S. Thomas', P. M., attended meetings of Diocesan Committees. Evening, a service preparatory to the Convention at which the Rev. Samuel S. Harris, D. D., delivered an able Discourse.

REVIEW OF VISITATIONS.

To the work in the Diocese, should be added the visitations in Michigan. I have been in twenty Parishes and confirmed 395 persons. I have acted on the invitation of Bishop McCoskry and the request of the Standing Committee.

Notwithstanding this duty, and the meeting of the General Convention, the number of visitations has not fallen below the last year. Th

only exceptions to visitation are, one Parish where postponement was requested, one distant Mission, and a few places I have on my list as having some church people.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The number confirmed is much less than in the former years of the Diocese. There has been a marked decrease in the Parishes generally. The Church requires the Bishop's notice to "be at least one month before the intended visitation." The intention is evidently to give ample opportunity for preparation. This should be so improved, that the Minister shall "be ready to present persons as properly qualified," instead of it being left to the actual summons to the Chancel to determine who are to be confirmed. There is a benefit in *looking forward* to "the great transaction." "Preparing young persons and others for the holy ordinance of Confirmation," is really the perpetual duty of our Ministry. Allow me, my fellow laborers, "in adding to the Church daily the saved," to suggest, that a List of persons in your cures who are not confirmed should be constantly before you, that they may be in your "public and private monitions and exhortations."

There is no more serious duty than bringing persons to Confirmation. Hasty admission in less than a generation will change the tone of piety in a Church. The Confirmation class should continue beyond the laying on of hands, that there may be "instruction in righteousness," and the watch and ward of inexperience. This is the more necessary when the preference of the Pastor favors admission at an early age.

THE PROGRESS OF THE YEAR.

"God's fellow laborers," it is not for us to inquire too anxiously what is the fruit of our toil, and yet in the spiritual as in the earthly husbandry, "the hand of the diligent maketh rich." The lament that prophecy has put in the mouth of Him whose inmost feeling uttered, "My meat is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work," "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for naught and in vain;" is the warrant of our anxious inquiry as to the results in the year that is ended.

The Church in which we are assembled may head the list of accomplishment. We have the twofold blessing, the joy of our sight, and the help of our faith. There is no other Consecration to place by the side of this, but the Corner stone has been laid in the city of our chief strength, and unless the Rector's zeal should fail, and it is too well tried for us to doubt it, it will not be long before the Chapel will be used. I wish I could say under the benison of Consecration. Next to building the Church is, owning it when it is built, and Easter Day lifted for St. Mark's, Coldwater, the debt, so the hands can be used to

add Church to Chapel. Coopersville has ground to be made holy. For the time it has taken to secure it we might almost say it was bought by the inch, and there is an hundred dollars, I wish I could say whence it came, to begin to sanctify it. Our largest Parish has begun to feel and act right about its unhappy prominence of indebtedness. It has taken back one tenth that was another's. The Swedish work has been taken possession of again, the Shepherd returning to his sheep.

And this is all—all our hands can handle and our tongues can tell. Yet not all—not all with Him with whom we have to do. Not all we have by promise, "My word shall not return unto me void"; "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ, the bread which we break is it not the communion of the body of Christ"; "Lo I am with you alway."

VACANT PARISHES.

Grace Church, Union City, maintains the place it has held for longer time than our Diocesan life. Trinity, Three Rivers, would have known no Shepherd's care in all the twelve month, had not Mr. Spalding taken pity on the sheep. St. Paul's, Mendon, has been closed since Mr. Bishop left, save a few visits, one by myself, when I was told, that they would inform me, "what they could do." If these three Parishes, each with a good Church, reporting in all nigh one hundred Communicants, would do, what in a business point of view, to say nothing of a spiritual, they certainly ought to do; say, we can each promise so much towards a salary, now let us have a Clergyman among us, giving each such portion of time as is fair; the sheep would not be scattered because there is no shepherd, three Churches would at least hold their own, and it would be taken from the lips of those who pass by, "these men began to build and were not able to finish." But when the feeble Parish declines to unite with the neighbor in like case, or puts with its pledge such conditions as make it no pledge at all; what is the worth of a Bishop's counsels, but as "water spilt on the ground which cannot be gathered up again?" St. John's, Kalamazoo, did not "hang down its hands," when the removal of the Rector closed a bright year, but wisely thought to use and not lose the opportunity, and so it has sought and found "a faithful Minister of Christ." St. John's, Sturgis, after Mr. Safford's removal received his resignation, and happily the Rev. S. C. M. Orpen, of the Diocese of Indiana, finds he can serve with us, while holding his work in his own Diocese. Christ, St. Joseph, just as the year is closing resumes services with Benton Harbor. This time I trust the people will have "a mind to work," and if they have learned anything from the past, the work will be first and foremost, to have "a house made with hands," but given to the Lord. Grace, Burr Oak, has been without services for several months, I

am informed that Mr. Safford has removed to Kansas, but have had no communication from him.

As to Missions and points upon which I have had my eye and heart, Manistee once seemed very near realizing our hopes. Oh! for a young brother who would take this field so fitted to youthful ardor and endurance. South Haven, I hope will cast in its lot with St. Joseph. Mt. Pleasant must be united with the Mission on the F. and P. M. R. R.

This is too much vacancy, and some reasonable, religious ideas among vestries and people, would take some of these dark lines out of my address.

THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE DIOCESE.

The fullness with which I have referred to our Church extension in past Addresses, and the statements that will be laid before you by the Board of Missions, leave me little to present on what is yet our chief interest.

The only approach to new venture is, the work of the Rector at Paw Paw, making the whole County his field. The Missionary District must be the form of our aggressive work, and until we can find Clergymen who are willing to go from place to place, we shall not add field to field. I am more and more persuaded, that "long patience" is appointed us and we must be content to pay our money year after year for the labor that is "here a little and there a little," that tells in kind care of the few and the lonely, rather than in new organizations and enlarging statistics.

An effort to discover our scattered church people, by a notice, the publication of which was asked in all the newspapers in the Diocese, has proved eminently successful. The address of nearly 250 Communicants has been secured, with whom I have communicated by two Pastorals, letters and tracts. There have been very touching responses to this simple effort to show the Church's remembrance of her absent ones.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETINGS AND CONVOCATIONS.

These meetings have been held at Allegan and Marshall, with undiminished interest and profit.

Each of the Convocations has held its two meetings. I have more and more one thought of such coming together of the laborers, that they give life and love to our fellowship in a Diocese; and I do believe, Brethren, that we could not live the harmonious, lively Diocese we are, without them.

EXTINCT PARISHES.

Under the Canon, (111, Sec. 2,) I report to you four Parishes as having "from a failure to sustain the services of the Church and other causes," in my judgment become "virtually extinct," "with the recommendation," that their names be stricken from the list of Parishes in the Diocese. Grace Church, Lyons, many years ago lost its property, and there is no semblance of a Parish left. Christ Church, Plainfield, has had no regular services for more than a year, the Church is unfit for use, and there is no disposition to repair it, the few Church people show no interest. The deed of the property, by which the lot reverts on the removal of the Church, to the grantors, is in the keeping of the Trustees of the Diocese. S. Paul's Church, Courtland, has never possessed any property. Subscriptions have from time to time been made and become void, the congregation not agreeing as to a location for their Church. There is a larger constituency than at Plainfield, but the same lukewarmness. If these Parishes are to have a name, it should be as Missions. The field was earnestly cultivated for years by one yet with us, and while I hold up this dark picture before you, I can but recall, the zealous men and women now in the Diocese who look back with gratitude and praise to Mr. Wood's labors at Courtland and Plainfield.

S. Paul's Church, Greenville, has made a sad record since we last met. I visited the Parish in March '77, everything then seemed cheering. Within three months, the Rector was dismissed on the plea of inability to raise the part of the salary agreed upon. In November, I learned incidentally, that the Wardens and Vestry had sold the property, the Church and Rectory, to satisfy a claim for seventeen hundred dollars. The property thus relinquished for $1,700, was reported by the Wardens to the last Convention, as worth $3,800. The sale was made to include all the sacred furniture, the Musical instrument, and indeed everything contained in the building. I can only explain this as the intention to put the Parish utterly out of existence. The Wardens and Vestry have entirely ignored the Bishop and the Diocesan authorities, not a line nor word have I received from them. I have since visited the Parish, and found those who were neither informed nor consulted, and who cannot consent to such an end of the Church of their love and blessing.

THE ACT FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PARISHES.

The case of Greenville and questions that have arisen, led me to call the attention of the Trustees of the Diocese to the necessity of amendment of the Statute. They will present a report, and should action seem advisable, it may be taken in connection with the Diocese of Michigan. I have addressed a communication to the Convention now

in session. The Legislature meeting the present year, this is the proper time for action.

AID TO CANDIDATES FOR THE HOLY MINISTRY.

The Society for the Increase of the Ministry has notified me, of the withdrawal of all but fifty dollars for our Candidates. This places us, where perhaps it is best that we should stand, directly responsible. Happily, the venerable "Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning," in New York, through the kindness of the Dean of the Seminary, has placed two of our Candidates on their Scholarships. This leaves our obligation only one hundred and fifty dollars to October first, returning to the Society the fifty dollars granted, which I would prefer to do, as we no longer add to their Treasury. I must confess that the feeble response made to my appeals requires me to put to the Diocese seriously the question, is aid to be given or denied to those who need and merit it, and I ask for a Special Committee to give me the answer.

GENERAL MISSIONS.

The record of Collections found in the last Report of the Board of Missions rather disclaims neglect than proves interest, and I fear that we are not making as fair a showing for the current year. Probably it will be so until the prople know more of Missions. Intelligence must precede feeling. I wish the Clergy would make the experiment of the Monthly Missionary Meeting, with prayers and hymns full of "the Gospel to every creature," and intelligence well selected, accompanied with the Minister's own explanations and appeals, and where it is possible, the written or spoken thoughts of members of the flock.

Women's work is practically known in several Parishes, and within and without our borders, it has met the wants that attend meagre salaries. More can be done, and our earnest Local Secretary and Miss Emery in New York are ready to show how it can be done.

PENAL AND PAUPER INSTITUTIONS.

I have visited nine Poor Houses and twenty jails. The Clergy have always accompanied me when practicable, and I am glad to know, that our Ministers have the praise of caring for these neglected retreats of want and crime. In my official relation, I have accompanied the Commission in the annual inspection of the State Institutions, attended the Annual Conference of the Superintendents of the Poor and in June, I discharged the very pleasant duty of an Examiner of the Flint School for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind. Our Semi-annual Missionary Meetings have given the opportunity for able papers and

discussions on some of the many points that our growing Pauperism and Crime involve.

THE COMMON SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The late General Convention in connection with a very able report on Christian Education adopted this resolution: "That it is the solemn conviction of this General Convention in both houses, that it is the duty of the Clergy and Laity of the Church to take, so far as the opportunity is afforded them, an active interest in the public schools provided by the State, with the purpose of extending the important benefits of a secular education to all our citizens, and of diffusing side by side with these, as much of religious influence and instruction as possible."

I have endeavored to heed this voice of the Church, by visiting the schools when my stay in a place allowed, and by accompanying the Clergy at our Missionary and Convocation gatherings. The Clergyman and the influential citizen should not be separated, and no interest outside his special work more naturally attaches to a Clergyman than that of education. The common work of the schools comes directly into our Sunday Schools and Churches. The servant of Him who "took the little children up in His arms and blessed them," should have the respect and affection that comes of even an interest in children's studies and sports, and the countenance and word in the School room. I am sure that an occasional visit to any School will "be making proof of our Ministry."

The resolution wisely proceeds, "To supplement them with thorough Christian teaching elsewhere." Indeed if we look no higher than morality and quietness within and around our doors, society needs the intelligence and principle, that can come only of a pure Christianity early taught and loved. To day we are feverish and alarmed, we know not what may be on the morrow, and the explanation is, a generation educated to think and to talk, my rights as a man, as a citizen, but having never learned, my duty to God, my duty to my neighbor. Woe to this dear land of ours with its political equalities and its social inequalities, when the education of its children is only that which the schools controlled by the religious freedom of the State can afford. It is for us, my Brethren of the Clergy, to bring the youth into the school of Christ, to implant in minds opened by the work of the State, the love, the faith, the obedience, that are His through His Church.

CONCLUSION.

Departing from these Courts with the blessing of prayer and sacrament, we shall return to them to enter upon the business of our session. I can endorse the sentiment, that "our business is properly sac-

red, requiring haste it may be, never unseemly hurry, and to be transacted in the spirit of those, who 'not slothful in business, are fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.'"

May the Lord be our guide and helper, "in all our works begun, continued and ended," that our Diocese "walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost" may be "edified" and "multiplied."

The following Lists complete the record which I am required by Canon to lay before the Convention:

LAY READERS.

(Holding License till Easter, 1879.)

William J. Stuart, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, April 27, 1876.

Charles T. Wood,* Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, June 3, 1876.

Henry F. Ewers, M. D., Grace Church, Union City, June 4, 1876.

Alfred J. Mills, S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw, June 1, 1877.

Horace Gates,* Grand Rapids, July 7, 1876.

William W. Taylor,* All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, November 7, 1876.

Henry C. Matrau, Grace Church, Holland, February 22, 1877.

Alfred B. Taylor, All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, February 22, 1877.

T. Herbert Taylor, S. John's Church, Grand Haven, May 14, 1878.

POSTULANT.

John Frederick Nitschke, of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo. Admitted June 12, 1875.

CANDIDATES

For Priests' Orders:

Wm. Wordsworth Taylor. Admitted September 26, 1876. Divinity School, in Philadelphia, Penn.

Eugene Jeffrey Babcock. Admitted September 26, 1876. General Theological Seminary, New York.

Rev. William Heavener Sparling, (Deacon). Admitted February 15, 1877.

Charles Taylor Wood. Admitted July 18, 1877. General Theological Seminary, New York.

Horace Gates. Admitted September 15, 1877. Nashotah Theological Seminary.

ORDINATIONS.

To the Priesthood:

June 31, 1877, Wednesday, in S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, Rev.

* Candidate for Orders.

William Matthias, presented by the Rev. Joseph S. Large.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance of the transfer.)

August 21, 1877—The Rev. John Coleman, to Ecclesiastical Authority of Connecticut. Resigned Trinity, Niles, January 4, 1876.

September 22, 1877—The Rev. Louis L. Rogers, to Ecclesiastical Authority of Michigan. Resigned Trinity, Saranac, August 20, 1876.

January 5, 1878—The Rev. Robert H. Paine, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Maryland. Resigned S. John's, Kalamazoo, December 31, 1877.

May 11, 1878—The Rev. William Stowe, to the Eclesiastical Authority of Western New York. Resigned S. John's, Grand Haven, April 22, 1878.

DIED.

October 6, 1877—The Rev. James Selkrig, Presbyter, aged 86 years.

DEPOSED.

August 8, 1877, in S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, the Rev. Lore[illegible] D. Ferguson, Presbyter, under Title II., Canon 6, Section 1.

LETTERS DIMISSORY ACCEPTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance of the transfer.)

December 17, 1877—The Rev. Peter Auguste Almquist, from Ec[illegible] siastical Authority of Michigan, and has become a Missionary am[illegible] the Swedes at Tustin and Grand Rapids. (November, 1878.)

December 17, 1877—The Rev. John T. Magrath, from the Eccle[illegible] tical Authority of Michigan, and has become the Rector of S. Tho[illegible] Church, Battle Creek. (December 2, 1877.)

December 17, 1877—The Rev. George P. Schetky, D. D., from Ecclesiastical Authority of Michigan, and has become the Recto[illegible] S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw, and Missionary in Van Buren Cou[illegible] (December 15, 1877.)

April 17, 1878—The Rev. Charles T. Stout, from Ecclesiastical [illegible] thority of Iowa, and has become the Rector of S. John's Chu[illegible] Kalamazoo. (April 14, 1878.)

CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE.

June 12, 1877—The Rev. William Brittain has resigned the cha[illegible] of S. Paul's Church, Greenville.

December 15, 1877—The Rev. Darius Barker has resigned the cha[illegible] of S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw.

September 16, 1877—The Rev. Addis E. Bishop has ceased to off[illegible]

ciate in S. Paul's Church, Mendon, and has become the Rector of Christ Church, St. Joseph, with charge of Benton Harbor. (May 27, 1878.)

CORNER STONE LAID.

July 17, 1877—S. John's Church, Sturgis.

September 21—Grace Church, Grand Rapids.

CHURCH CONSECRATED.

February 27, 1878—Wednesday, S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.

MISSION ORGANIZED.

November 22, 1877—S. James', Pentwater.

CONSENT TO CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS.

April 22, 1878—The Rev. George W. Peterkin, Bishop-elect of West Virginia.

April 22, 1878—The Rev. Alexander Burgess, D. D., Bishop-elect of Quincy.

FUNDS RECEIVED.

From friends in the Diocese,	$50.00
" the Sunday School of S. John's, Kalamazoo,	2.07
" the Industrial Band of S. Mark's Grand Rapids,	10.00
" a little boy,	1.00
" a friend in the Diocese,	25.00

SERVICES OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE.

June 26–28, 1877—At Racine College, Wisconsin, as a Trustee.

June 29, 1877—Preached at North Lake, Wisconsin, and at the request of the Diocesan confirmed.

June 29, 1877—Nashotah, participated in the services of St. Peter's Day.

October 3–26, 1877—In attendance on the General Convention in Boston.

October 7, 1877—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, delivered a Missionary Address in S. John's, East Boston.

October 21, 1877—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, preached in S. John's Church, Jamaica Plains.

October 28, 1877—Harlem, S. Andrew's Church, P. M., addressed the children; evening, preached.

March 26, 27, 1878—April 3–10, 19, 24–26, May 12, 19, 20, 26, visited in the Diocese of Michigan 21 Parishes, and confirmed 395.

PASTORAL LETTERS.

(See Appendix.)

June 1, 1877—Collections for General Missions.

September 1, 1877—To Scattered Communicants.

November 30, 1877—The Christmas Fund.

December 1, 1877—A Christmas and New Year Address to Chil

March 6, 1878—A Lenten Address to Churchmen away from the vices.

NOTICES OF CLERGY DEPOSED.

(The date given is that of the notice.)

January 19, 1877—Perceval Beckett, Presbyter, by the Bisho Pittsburgh. First and fifth clauses of Section 1, of Canon 2, Titl

May 16, 1877—Benjamin S. Seymour, Deacon. Canon 6, Title II.

June 14, 1877—Samuel J. Corneille, Presbyter, by the Bisho Central New York. Canon 5, Title II.

June 21, 1877—Luther H. Strycker, by the Bishop of Colorado. tion 1, Canon 5, Title II.

December 3, 1877—William Gill, Deacon, by the Bishop of Colo Canon 5, Title II.

December 9, 1877—Francis Pennington Mackall, Deacon, by Bishop of Northern New Jersey. Canon 5, Title II.

December 18, 1877—James S. Harrison, Presbyter, by the Bish Florida. Section 1, Canon 5, Title II.

December 21, 1877—Robert A. Simpson, Presbyter, by the Bish North Carolina, Canon 5, Title II.

November 7, 1877—Franklin W. Adams, Presbyter, by the Bi of Illinois. Canon 5, Title II.

December 16, 1877—Edward H. Harlow, Presbyter, by the Bi of Iowa. Section 2, Canon 6, Title II.

January 9, 1878—Samuel Cutler, by the Bishop of Massachu Canon 5, Title II. "Reasons not affecting his moral character."

January 15, 1878—George H. Jackson, Deacon, by the Bish Tennessee. Canon 6, Title II.

February 2, 1878—Walter S. Whitcomb, Deacon, by the Bisho New Hampshire. Canon 5, Title II.

February 9, 1878—Edward Victor Beales, Deacon, by the Bisho Missouri. Canon 5, Title II.

March 15, 1878—Jesse M. Williams, Deacon, by the Bishop of tral Pennsylvania. Canon 5, Title II.

April 12, 1878—George Burton, Presbyter, by the Missionary Bi of Oregon and Washington. Canon 5, Title II. "Having made fession of the crime of adultery."

878—Nicholas J. Seeley, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Section 1, Canon 5, Title II. "Causes not affecting his er."

SUMMARY.

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t recorded in Parish Registers, 10 infants.	
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ivered not including Confirmation,	57
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Holy Communion,	51
20 Parishes, and 4 Missions and 3 other places,	228
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of visitations,	108
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the Diocese changing Parishes and resigning	3

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

The Bishop's Pastorals.

REVEREND BRETHREN:

In the painful situation in which our Missionary work is placed, [illegible] least that we can do is, for every Parish or Mission to make an ann[illegible] offering for each branch of Missions.

After carefully reading what has been written on a Financial [illegible] tem for the Church, nothing seems to me to promise better than [illegible] simple use of the offertory, with appeal from the chancel or pulpit.

Up to this date, nothing has been acknowledged from ——— Domestic, Foreign, Indian or Home Missions to colored people.

Will you not try to secure an offering and so remit it that it [illegible] reach the Treasury by September 1, 1877? Missions thus rememb[illegible] by our young and feeble Diocese would be an example to the Chu[illegible]

Yours very truly,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

GRAND RAPIDS, June 1, 1877.

To Members of the Protestant Episcopal Church resident away from her Services:

DEAR BRETHREN—Our sympathy and interest go forth to you deprived of the services we trust you love, and the Pastoral care you would value.

Many of you look back to the days when you went up to the House of God in company with kindred and companions to worship with the Liturgy of the Church and to receive at the hands of loved Pastors her Rites and Sacraments.

Though these privileges are not yours now, your fellowship in the Church is unbroken. You are her children, and the only language that becomes your lips, as we trust it comes from your heart, is, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."

I address you, beloved Brethren, to make expression of my official and personal relation and interest, and to exhort you to the Churchly feeling and duties growing out of your position.

Should you, for the honoring of the Lord's Day and the sake of Christian example as well as personal edification, be found worshipers with those who hold with you some of the great truths of the Apostles' Creed, remember that in consistency with the Church's faith, only at the hands of her own Ministry can you or yours receive the Sacraments and Rites of the Gospel.

Should this expose you to remark and even rebuke, it is trial for conscience' sake, and the rights of conscience are the chosen motto of the day, to say nothing of the guilt of departure from "the faith once delivered to the Saints."

Among the blessings of the Prayer Book is its adaptedness not only to private use, but the opportunity it affords the Church's members to unite in her service with a Layman as Reader.

Many Parishes have grown out of such humble beginnings, and even women of one heart and mind may assemble, and, in some private house, have the service among themselves.

Willingly will I license any suitable male communicant as Lay Reader, and furnish him with hints and directions.

Often the Sunday school may be established or the children of Churchmen may be gathered into a class and instructed in the Catechism by some intelligent person.

Churchmen away from their Church should be in active sympathy with one another. It grieves me to hear the language—"Such an one in town is an Episcopalian but I am not acquainted with him."

The isolated members of the Church should make themselves known to the nearest Clergyman; have their names on his Parish List; attend the services as often as possible, and call on him for such occasional offices and attentions as they may need.

It is especially painful that the children of Churchmen should grow up ignorant of the Church of their fathers, and become alienated from her. Yet this need not be with parental instruction; the collection of Church books and the weekly visits of the Church paper.

Dear brethren, remember your responsibility to make known "the beauty of holiness" in the Church, by your lives and conversation.

Your Church is read in your daily walk. While you are bold to own your Christian heritage, let her rejoice in children of her faith and love.

Finally call upon your Bishop—the shepherd of the wandering as well as folded sheep—whenever he can serve you.

I will be glad to have the names of all persons who are communicants—to be informed when baptism or confirmation is desired.

I gladly sign myself,

Your Pastor and Friend,

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

GRAND RAPIDS, Sept. 1, 1877.

THE CHRISTMAS FUND.

To the Clergy and Laity:

DEAR BRETHREN—The Treasurer reminds you of the collection for the Christmas Fund, by sending you a copy of the Canon.

I add a few words to tell you what I believe you will all rejoice to know, that two of our aged brethren are receiving aid from this Fund. The apology for the omitted collection or the meagre offering, that the funds are not needed, no longer exists.

I appeal to every Parish and Mission for a true Christmas offering. One hundred dollars to one Clergyman and fifty to another, is all the Standing Committee has felt justified in granting. These payments should be more than doubled; but the policy of securing a fund forbids "the total appropriation exceeding the aggregate of the offerings and income for the year next preceding."

Let us do all that lieth in us, that for those who have been spared to hoary hairs, "at eventide it may be light." Even before "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ," it was written, "And the Levite that is within thy gates, thou shalt not forsake him." Whoever may endure the weary struggle, "scarcely enough for nature's ends," let it not be for the "old disciple," and the aged Priest. What blessed Communion of Saints, kindly to care for the old Pastors of the Church.

May God give you the Happy Christmas in your Parishes and homes.

Your friend and Bishop,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., St. Andrew's Day, 1877.

A CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PASTORAL.

To the Children in the Diocese of Western Michigan:

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS—In past years about these days, I have

isy preparing for the Christmas of dear youth under my
; and as Christmas time comes round, I miss the children
istmas. Thinking about it to-day, as I look out from my
he falling snow, something seems to say, "why not write
ınd New Year pastoral to the children of your Diocese?
pastors would not object to a little Christmas attention
ıop."

aken my pen in hand, to say a few words to all the chil-
)iocese.

re no doubt you have said many times already, "Christ-
Year will soon be here." But let me ask you, have you
of this? That you are a year older than when you last
y Christmas, Happy New Year!"

der! Yes, you are pleased with the thoughts; "A year
ıd of my school days, one year less to the time when I
ɔmpany, in business, a year towards being my own mas-
not say these thoughts are all wrong, but will you let
them another thought—I "ought to be a year nearer
and the Holy Communion; my Father in Heaven ex-
rom me than He did a year ago, because I have a year's
ıd discretion, I can serve my blessed Saviour more intelli-
could a year ago."

ith you, my dear young friends, as God's children to love
ized to "grow in grace?"

as you think it should be, whose fault is it, and where
and how shall it be remedied another year—this coming

you—or rather may I ask you to ask yourselves—a few

to pray in real earnest?

ıd a little Scripture, "marking, learning, and inwardly
every day?

ıggle hard to overcome all your faults?

always as if you would have Christ Jesus know you as
dren?

said of the Apostles, that the Jews, "took knowledge
they had been with Jesus." As your friends see you
es it seem to them that you are "baptized into Christ,
on Christ," that you "have been with Jesus?"

is there such a happy Christmas as for those who walk in

the footsteps of Jesus' most holy life? The great secret of being happy is being holy. The true Christmas joy is always with "those who love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

Let us try to offer two prayers the Church puts on our lips at this time. "Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit." "Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by Thy grace that by the innocency of our lives and constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify Thy holy Name."

A happy Christmas and New Year to you all, my young friends, comes sincerely from

Your Bishop,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

GRAND RAPIDS, December 1, 1877.

To Members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, resident away from her Services:

DEAR BRETHREN—As the season of Lent opens I can but think of your deprivation of the blessed services of the Church. Yet you need not lose the benefit to your souls of this Holy Time. Let me mention some ways in which you can keep Lent:

1st. Abstain from amusements, even those lawful at other times.
2d. Give more than usual attention to study of the Scriptures.
3d. Have daily a special season of prayer.
4th. Read through the Prayer Book.
5th. Use devotionally daily some part of the Prayer Book.
6th. Let two or three meet on the Lord's day and read the service and a sermon.
7th. If possible go to some neighboring Parish on Easter.
8th. Remember to fast, and give the savings to some good object.

Ash Wednesday—March 6th. Passion week—April 14-20th. Easter Day—April 21st. St. James iv. 8.

My prayer for you is Num. vi. 24-26.

Your Bishop and Pastor,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

Report of Special Committee on Life Insurance for the Clergy.

(See page 38.)

The Committee on Life Insurance for the Clergy, appointed at the suggestion of the Right Reverend, the Bishop, by the last Convention of the Diocese, present the following report:

The Bishop, in his Address of 1877, suggested for our consideration the expensiveness of ordinary Life Insurance, the dishonest management of companies, the Clergymen's League, and the desirableness of farther relief.

Life Assurance had its origin in the middle ages, in the practice in vogue among the Crusaders and travelers to the Holy Land. They deducted from the expenses of the outfit enough to secure the payment of their ransom if taken prisoners, an obligation for which there were always many ready to contract.

We have not space for tracing the history of assurance from its Templar origin to the statutes hundreds of years ago, on marine insurance. It was in 1536, when *parish registers* were established, and 1593, when the plague carried off 30,000 citizens of London, and the bills of mortality were carefully prepared to quiet public apprehension, that a scientific foundation was laid.

The elucidation of what mortal man calls "chances" engaged, in the seventeenth century, the attention of Huygens, Pascal and Bernouille.

The noted English actuary, who analyzed the systems of Halley and DeWitt, a Hollander, who took up the theory of Pascal and Huygens and applied the game of chance to life contingencies, says: "It is curious to observe that Life Assurance, which has so favorable a bearing upon our social and moral welfare, may be said to have originated from the study of the laws of chance, as observed in the experience of the gambler. It will be remarked, however, that the one is the very antithesis of the other. In Life Assurance the individual is freed from risk by union for mutual protection with his fellowmen. The gambler takes the single risk upon himself, and his average, if he obtain it, can only arise from the duration of his play. In fact, the man who has the opportunity of assuring his life and does not do it, is the gambler taking the single risk upon himself."

John Graunt took a census of London in 1662, and as the issue of

his work, published the results of long meditation and sedulous inquiry into assurance.

Halley, in 1683, took the next great step, in publishing his tables of the probable duration of life at any age, based on the bills of mortality of Breslau. The Anglican Church and world, while receiving some aid from individuals of the Latin Continent, in developing Life Assurance, was alone in this great work so far as its government and church were concerned. The influences of the Roman Church and Roman countries were hostile. Even France forbade Life Insurance by law as against morality and nature.

While the trade in annuities was in full vigor, Life Insurance was in its infancy. The law books record the ruling of Lord Holt as to the policy of Sir Robert Howard insuring his life for one year from September 3, 1697. As he died September 3, 1698, the day of the date was excluded, and the underwriter, a merchant, was held liable. In 1698, the first *distinct* germs of Life Insurance appeared in London as the "Mercers' Widows' Fund," followed by "The Society of Assurance of Widows and Orphans."

It was a dignitary of the Church, the Bishop of Oxford, who obtained a charter for the oldest English company, "The Amicable Life Assurance Society," founded in 1706. It was based upon the "Table of Mortality," prepared thirteen years before by the great mathematician, Halley.

By its original charter this company consisted of 2,000 shareholders. Age (from 12 to 45) made no difference in the subscription or premium, and the state of health was also disregarded. It continued in existence till 1869—163 years.

From 1708 to 1720, the era of the South Sea Bubble, there were 30 assurance projects. For 5s. a qr. a man insured on his decease £20 to his representative. A marriage portion was provided for either sex, marry when they would, for 2s. a qr. The contribution of 2s. 6d. towards each baptized infant of a co-assurer until he had one of his own, entitled him to £200, the interest to educate his child, when arrived at maturity. There were assurances of impunity from house-breakers, from highwaymen, from lying, from death by drinking, for horses dying natural deaths, stolen or disabled.

But Science was unceasingly at work. Demoivre, the man of prayer, of whom Pope wrote as the *beau ideal* of scientific accuracy:

"Who made the spider parallels' design,
Sure as Demoivre, without rule or line;"

of whom Newton said, "Go to Demoivre, he knows better than I do"—gave the great impulse in the right direction. In 1718 he published "The Doctrine of Chances," and in 1728 he applied it to the valuation of lives. The Equitable company, Chartered in 1765, still remain the leviathan, and has never been in court but once.

The essays of the Rev. Dr. Price, of England, mark the date when assurance began to be understood. In our own country the first essay was published by William Gordon, who frequently acted as lay-reader, of Massachusetts, in 1772, but the real author of the system in America, was the Rev. Francis Allison, the preceptor of Bishop White.

To the Rev. Dr. Smith, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, we are indebted for the first organization of regular Life Assurance. He borrowed his ideas partly from the "London Annuity Society" and the "Laudable Society," of London, established in 1761 and 1763, but mainly from the association of English *Clergy* in and about London.

The Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the Diocese of South Carolina commenced in 1762, with eleven Clergymen. One Layman was admitted in 1771, and this example was followed by others. In 1860, the funds of the Society, besides affording relief annually to such as needed it, had reached $126,000, all its securities paying interest, with 170 lay members and 54 of the Clergy. The interest of the fund is at present all used in aiding 20 widows and 30 children. Laymen subscribe annually $10, and Clergymen $5. For more than a century has this Society fulfilled its mission.

This Society also manages the funds of the "Association for the Relief of Aged and Disabled Clergy." Its income is more than enough to pay the appropriations to its beneficiaries, who receive as much as $350 annually.

The Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen of the Church in Pennsylvania, has claims of peculiar affection and respect upon the whole American Church. Its earliest history is that of the Church itself. When the Church was laid prostrate by the Revolution of 1776, it was this Society met for consultation upon its affairs that brought the few Clergy of the Church in the Middle States, remaining in America, to the assembly and union of 1783. It was to this Society assembling in New Brunswick, May, 1784, we are primarily indebted for the measures terminating in the present constitution of the Church of the United States, and in establishing in 1789 of the Book of Common Prayer, which at the distance of almost a century remains so generally acceptable to the Church.

From 1770 to 1776 the Rev. Dr. Peters was President, and after the Revolution Rev. Drs. Smith and Bishop White. Bishop White had been a member of the Society since 1772, and its President from 1789 till his death, July 17, 1836—a period of forty-seven years.

Among its Treasurers, before the Revolution, was Francis Hopkinson (1769 to 1773), and after the Revolution, Jacob Alsop (1784–1786). Among its Secretaries were Bp. Moore (1784–1814), Bp. Kemper (1814-1832), and Bp. DeLancey.

Among its preachers, before the Revolution, were Rev. Drs. Smith and Peters at Christ Church, Philadelphia, and Rev. Dr. Auchmuty (1770), at Trinity Church, New York, and after the Revolution, Bps. White (1787) and Seabury (1789) at S. Paul's Chapel, New York.

The following were original corporators before the Revolution, and who were also participants in the first General Conventions of the Church prior to 1800: The Rev. Dr. Smith, Provost of the College of Philadelphia (1769–1803); Bishop Seabury, (1769–1796); Samuel Magaw, Rector of S. Paul's, Philadelphia, (1769–1812); Rev. Dr. Andrews, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, (1769–1813); Rev. Abraham Beach, Assistant Rector, Trinity Church, New York, (1769-1828); Rev. William Frazer, Rector of S. Michael's, Trenton, N. J., (1769); Samuel Powell, Warden of the United Churches 1778–1780, (1769); Francis Hopkinson, signer of the Declaration, Judge of the District Circuit, U. S., Pennsylvania, Warden of the United Churches 1770, (1769-1791); James Duane, Delegate to the Continental Congress from 1774 to 1784, signer of the Articles of Confederation, District Judge for New York, appointed 1789 by Gen. Washington, and first Mayor after its recovery from the British Army, (1769).

Among the members before the Revolution elected and members of the General Conventions prior to 1800, were Bp. Provoost, of New York, 1787, and Chaplain to Senate of the United States (1770), the Hon. Robert Morris, New Jersey, (1772), Judge Peters, District Court U. S.

for Pennsylvania, (1772), Bp. White (1772–1836), Judge Shippen, Chief Justice, Pennsylvania, (1772–1806), and Rev. Robert Blackwell, Chaplain Army U. S. during Revolutionary War, (1773–1831).

After the Revolution, Bp. Moore (N. Y.), (1784–1816), Rev. Messrs. T. L. Moore, Ogden, Thorne, Wharton, Hutchins, Campbell, (all 178-), Rev. J. Pilmore (1786), Rev. Jos. Clarkson, Rector S. James', Lancaster, Pa. (1789), Rev. Jos. G. Bend (1789), Rev. Henry Waddell (179-), and Rev. John Bisset (1793); also, John Rutherfurd, Presidential Elector, 1798, 1813 and 1821, Senator of U. S. from N. J. from 1791 to 1798, and the last survivor of the Senators in Congress during the administration of Washington (1784–1840); Judge Wallace, Chairman of Convention, 1816, forming American Bible Society (1784–1819); Jasper Yates, Justice of Supreme Court, Pa. (1784), and Francis Gurney, Officer of War, 1756 and 1776, (1791–1815.

Besides these we find such names as Justice Wm. Atlee, of the Supreme Court of Pa.; Nicholas Stuyvesant, Robert R. Livingston, Minister to the Court of France, and a member of the committee which drafted the Declaration of Independence; John Jay, Alexander Hamilton, Gouverneur Morris, Senator Bingham, Richard Bache, Postmaster General of U. S. 1776; Samuel Meredith, Samuel Ogden and Benjamin Smith Barton.

After sundry overtures the Clergy met at Elizabethtown, N. J., October, 1767, and appointed a committee "to frame some plan of provision," which drew up a scheme for a company, in fact for insurance on the lives of the Clergy in the three Provinces of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The charter of this Society was granted by the Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, 1769, making the Archbishops of Canterbery and York and the Bishop of London the responsible auditors of the society.

The Board consulted (1769) with the great "economist and calculator" of his day, Dr. Benjamin Franklin, and again (1773) as to annuities.

In 1785 the State of Pennsylvania altered and confirmed the charter. 1797 a division of the funds of the society between the three States was authorized by an act of the Legislature and it was consummated 1812, and thenceforward the society and its operations were confined to Pennsylvania alone, New York receiving (1806) $11,806, New Jersey, $4,289, and Pennsylvania, $10,390.

The funds of the united corporation amounted in its origin to 4[illegible] 10s. Pennsylvania currency, about $1,106 Federal currency, and while it has been continuously meeting its obligations and distributing tens of thousands of dollars above any demand of right, now, in its Pennsylvania branch alone, possesses $400,000 of solidly invested wealth.

The widows and children of *contributors* alone can receive benefit under the charter, but the design is not to *confine* the relief to the rate of contributions. The principle of charity enters largely into the design and its disposition is regulated by By-laws and the judgment of the trustees. Contract and such bounty as is consistent with stability and efficiency are the foundation of the institution.

A fundamental By-law of 1769, after providing for quintuple annuities to widows and children in return for yearly life payments by the Clergy of either 8, 16 or 24 dollars, gives the corporation power to increase the rate of annuities as the funds admit. Benefactions for ten years are put at interest on real estate security, and also the accumu-

as by an augmentation of the capital stock for said ten years; the est is equally divided among all the children of contributors.

ll 1812 the corporation merely performed its contracts and pre-ed its funds. In the first five years of its existence the benefac- received amounted to less than $3,000, for the second five years, 0; for the succeeding twenty-five years, $6,000, ($4,000 being de- by will).

1814 and thereafter the entire surplus income, after providing for ities, losses and contingencies, has been devoted to increase of ities, or to increase of capital, or both.

e fundamental By-laws of 1769 and 1814 allowed only of the y payments of $8, $16 or $24, at the option of the contributor, giv- elief according to one uniform rule. The Clergyman must con- te each year of his life, and certainly for fifteen years, to entitle vidow and children to receive the largest rate of relief; if con- ting for five years or less, relief would be ten per cent. on een years' contribution, and for fourteen years or more than five s, one-half the full annuity.

ie widows and children have received the utmost the corporation ıl make out of the investment of the annual payments.

› member of the corporation, however actively employed for the ety, has ever received or claimed the least compensation or emol- nt whatever, except since 1864 a very small salary has been ched to the office of Treasurer.

ie stipulated annuities have been increased from 100 to 500 per .

. 1834 a series of tables of annual payments and of corresponding ıities and endowments were prepared by Jos. Roberts, (then actuary he Pennsylvania Company for Life Insurance), and continued un- 842, when some changes were made by Sears C. Walker, actuary he Pennsylvania Company. While the principle of contract is ntained, that of bounty is not ignored, so that in several cases re $80 was the annuity, the bounty increased it to $400. Every on insured is a fair expectant of bounty. The gain of the corpor- n is his gain, the aim of the company being stability in preference rofit, and profit only as insuring stability, the charter permitting use of profits only to promote stability and thus attained to be re- ed as bounties to contributing parties. The actuaries were in- cted to make the lowest rates possible, profits not being an element ie calculation, for the corporation is confined by its charter to a ial and a small class.

ie tables are three. The first contains a list of premiums for ring a contingent reversionary annuity of $100 of the life the decease of her husband. The second, of annuities for the of a widow or child of a Clergyman, which will be granted on pay- t of $100 to the corporation, and the third, of premiums for insur- n endowment of $100, payable to a widow or children on the death husband or father.

grants annuities on the ordinary principles of annuity compan- also, endowments to the widows and children of Clergymen; , receives from Clergymen, or from others in their behalf, money leposit for accumulation, at compound interest. This society also in trust for any special funds left for the benefit of the Clergy.

o annuity can exceed $500, and no endowment, $8,000.

he assets consisted (1876) of ground rents, $84,000; State loans,

$98,000; city loans, $40,000; U. S. loans, $66,000; bonds and mort[illegible]ges, $105,000, and cash, $5,000; total, $400,000. Of all outstandi[illegible]g engagements there are policies of annuitants, $2,500; of endowmen[illegible]s, $149,000, and deposits on interest, $3,000. The number of annuitan[illegible]ts on expectancy is 2, and of endowments, 110.

This company is as sure as the Church in the Diocese of Penns[illegible]l-vania. It is free from any scheme flattering the living and disa[illegible]p-pointing helpless families. It makes no promises like too ma[illegible]y companies. Its tables are so constructed as to secure certainty a[illegible]d stability. They make provision for every contingency except office[illegible]s' salaries and expensive management, and if they are too high, the e[illegible]x-cess is all returned in bounty to the insured, and not to stockholde[illegible]s.

These tables afford insurance as low as any sound company, w[illegible]th the contract for all the profits for the insured.

This is the oldest Life Insurance company in America. It has pr[illegible]v-ed to be safe, cheap and reliable in every way. It pays nothing to agents and officers. It has all the varieties, safe-guards and respon[illegible]si-bilities of modern insurance. Its tables have been prepared by t[illegible]he best actuaries of the secular companies. It has the same guarante[illegible]s. It is under the surveillance and inspection of the State, and has sup[illegible]er-added the watchful care and control of the Bishop, the Clergy a[illegible]nd Laity of the Diocese and the corporation. It appears to be as perf[illegible]ect as an insurance company can be.

Its defects are that its benefits are not available by the Clergy g[illegible]en-erally by reason of their poverty and its restriction to the Clergy of Pennsylvania. The insured are restricted as to travel, and the ben[illegible]fits are forfeited if they remove from the State. The first defect ca[illegible]n be met only by Parochial provision, and the second by an extensio[illegible]n of the privileges to the Clergy of the whole Church.

The New York corporation was incorporated 1807, and has a f[illegible]und of nearly $200,000, with annual dividends from *surplus* incom[illegible]e of $7,000, with 70 subscribers and 18 annuitants. The amount pai[illegible]d to annuitants the last year was $8,000; $1,000 in fixed annuities and $7,000 from surplus income.

The annual dues are $8. Only 67 out of 700 Clergymen in the [illegible]State of New York entitled to be contributors, avail themselves of its[illegible] pro-visions for their families.

The corporation for the relief of the widows and children o[illegible]f the Clergy of Maryland was chartered in 1784. Every person enterin[illegible]g the corporation pays $1.50 for every year he has exceeded the a[illegible]ge of thirty. Each subscriber may contribute $5, $10, $15 or $20, the[illegible] con-tributors being divided into four classes. A Clergyman dying b[illegible]efore five annual payments, his family will receive an annuity of four [illegible]times his annual contribution; before ten and more than five payment[illegible], the annuity will be eight times his payment; if fifteen and more tha[illegible]n ten, six times; fifteen and upwards, seven times, and after fifteen *pay-*ments they cease without detriment to his family.

The annuities go to the widows during their life, unless they [illegible]*marry* again, when, if there be children, the annuities fall to the chi*ldren* entirely. Children, if males, enjoy annuities until twenty-one *years* old; if females, until death, unless they previously marry. Donations are used for the relief of members requiring peculiar assistance. The property of the corporation is now $140,000.

The Clergy Mutual Assurance Society of London was established in 1829, under acts of Parliament, for the benefit of the Clergy of England, Ireland and Scotland, for mutual relief of its members, their

dren, relations, or nominees, in sickness, infancy, advanced hood and other natural states and contingencies, the oc- f which may be calculated by way of average.

ual principle pervades this society. *All*, and not a part of is the property of the members entitled to a bonus.

mon fund of the society, created from premiums, accumu- mpound interest, has been found sufficient not only to pay but to allow of a return of cash bonus to members at the uennial divisions of profits, amounting in the aggregate to ions of dollars.

l number of existing life policies is 7,088, assuring thirty- ons of dollars, and 154 endowments assuring $183,000. Its ome is a million and a half, with a fund for future claims of).

ns upon death the last year amounted to $650,000, and the int of such claims from the society's commencement has 0,000.

ial premium for $500 at the age of twenty-five is $10, and 0.

ety shows that the sums assigned for bonus in any ten years only have paid any debt with its accumulations, but would a balance due to the assured over and above his debt.

ness Assurance Branch furnished during the past year pro- ng sickness to the amount of $5,000.

is made only for such Clergy as are incapacitated mentally rom officiating, and then after the sixth week of sickness. an assuring in sickness for $390 per annum, pays $18 per

he usual annuities this society provides for educational an- t to exceed $500, by which provision is made for the educa- children of the Clergy. The maximum insurance on any $37,500.

ns are the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Bishop being President, these three, with the Archdeacon of Maid- g the Trustees. The Archbishop of Westminister is one of reasurers. Of the twenty-eight directors, twenty-two are Clergymen.

ety employs no agents and allows no commissions. The ne of England's noblest and best institutions.

ident Savings Life Assurance Society, of N. Y., has a spec- nent for Clergymen, affording lower rates for Clergymen, unities at one year's end to exchange a life policy for an Mr. Homans, a Churchman, is President.

ds upon the principles of a mutual covenant, under which a emnity only may be secured for the loss to a family by the s supporter, and as the death rate increases annually with e cost of insurance increases, that there ought not to be a nual premium, but a natural premium, and that the *reserve* ers temptation and opportunity to knaves. It proceeds n the principle of natural and not commuted premiums.

for $1,000 at 25, is $19.89, and at 50, $47.18 ; for the Clergy, $27.07.

rican Church Guild for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen

was incorporated in Illinois, September 12, 1873. This is for the relief of clerical members when disabled by sickness or old age.

The whole number of the Clergy is 3,272, and the number unemployed through physical disability, 132—giving a ratio of 4 per cent., or one in 25. It is estimated that the Guild being pledged for $500 per annum (or $125 per quarter) for every case of total disability, the assessment should be $5 per quarter. Surplus will be paid back in dividends. The current expenses can be met by lay and Sunday contributions, and the balance put into the general disability fund.

The disability must not only be stated, but the statement be verified by certificates of family physicians and the Bishop of the Diocese.

Some prefer special assessments for each case of disability as in the "Clergymen's Mutual Insurance League."

The Guild seems a comfortable exemption from a painful hazard, and a consciousness of bearing the burdens of brethren.

Any Clergyman not over sixty-five years of age and in good health, and engaged in clerical labor under the sanction of his Bishop, may become a member by paying $5. Co-operative lay members pay $10.

Total disability is that which completely incapacitates from public official labor. Proportionate relief for partial disability may be determined by the Executive Committee.

The Clergymen's Retiring Fund Society is general. It is incorporated by the Legislature of New Jersey. Its object is the assurance of relief to the aged Clergy of the Church, to begin at the age of sixty and after the accumulation of five years. One half of the interest is to be divided equally among the Clergy on the retired list, and the other half among the same according to the amount each has contributed in annual payments. It is designed also as a safe deposit with compound interest of trusts left for benefit of Clergy and their families. It appeals to the primitive Church as furnishing the best plan for the relief fund, as in the early Church, a portion of the altar offerings being always devoted to the support of the Clergy, and losing none of their blessing by altar consecration. Membership requires $12 per annum in quarterly payments, and one collection in Church for the society.

Will the time ever come when not only provision will be made for many such as is contemplated by the two foregoing societies, but for all of Christ's members, that liberal and unfailing support for the whole life secured to the Jewish Priesthood, as a class, by "statutes" which God "ordained forever in Israel," and which statutes our Blessed Lord reaffirmed?

We chronicle with pleasure that the late Commodore Graham left in his will $30,000 for the Parochial Fund of the Diocese of New York, the interest to be used to increase inadequate salaries of Ministers; $5,000 to the indigent Clergy Fund of that Diocese, and $5,000 to the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy. May such bequests multiply in compliance with the rubric of the Visitation of the Sick, requiring that the Minister shall not commit earnestly to move such sick persons, as are of ability, to be liberal to the poor.

Following the suggestions of an editorial article on Fraternal Insurance, written by one of your Committee years ago, the first experiment upon the mutual co-operative plan was made in the city of Philadelphia by German Freemasons. The entrance fee was $5, and mortuary fee $1.05, $1 going to the widow, and five cents for expenses.

idow getting as many dollars as there are members. This has ght well.

Odd Fellows' Mutual Aid Association, of Indiana, in its sixth reports the paying out to widows and orphans of 97 deceased ers nearly a quarter million of dollars. Its membership is 2,847, hirty-one deceased members during the past year. The benefits to each $2,465. Funeral expenses were paid in certain cases tions of membership: Good health. Between twenty-one and years of age. Six dollars initiation fee. Certificate of medical nation. Average assessments upon death, $1.43. The expendi- of the last year were $96,000, of which $74,000 were for heirs, 9,600 for salaries, examiners' and agents' fees.

Masonic Mutual Benefit Society of Indiana, in its last and eighth reports in the first division 3,821 members, 58 deaths and 240,000 s of benefits. In the second division, nine benefits of $6,300. e first division, in eight years, 346 deceased members, and one half millions dollars of benefits. The average cost of insur- during these eight years to the members without regard to age, een $12 for $1,000 for one year.

thwestern Masonic Aid Association, Chicago. Membership fee, Medical examination, $1. Upon each death assessments (from 21 80 cents, (30 to 40) 95 cents, (40 to 48) $1.15, (49 to 55) $1.40, (56 ver) $1.70. No increase of assessment with increase of age. division, 2,500 members or more; second division, 5,000 or more ers. Cost for $1,000 varies according to the classes, from $5.60 .00. Benefits from $3,000 to $7,000.

Georgia Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Company, in the three st months of 1870, reported twenty-one deaths in a membership 00.

Knights of Honor is a corporation of citizens of various States, ered, 1876, by Kentucky. It is of a fraternal character, having degrees, price of which is $3 each. Its chief feature is mutual ance. It gives $2,000 to the family of a full member deceased, $1,000 to a half member. It has a fund for the relief of sick and ssed members who will receive $3 a week during sickness, if it is aused by vice or intemperance.

lges are forming in every town, Grand Lodges in every State, with reme Grand Lodge for the nation. White men are admitted as bers between 21 and 55 years of age, by ballot, and with a physi- certificate of good health. When there is less than $2,000 in reasury, assessments are made by the Lodges (and by them for- ed to Treasurer) of from $1 to $4, according to age of members 21 to 55, which constitutes the widow and orphans' fund.

urchmen in every part of the State are members of this order.

Laymen's Clerical Aid Society of N. C., was organized, 1873. Churchman of N. C. may become a member by paying $1. No- tion of the death of a Clergyman is sent to each member through ssistant Secretary, appointed by each Vestry, and $2 is returned he benefit of the bereaved family. Members upon uniting with ociety may designate $1 instead of $2 as their payment.

Laymen's Clerical Aid Society of New Jersey has the same fea- as that of North Carolina, except that ladies may also become bers.

Illinois Aid Society is made up of Laymen, who agree to pay $5 each within thirty days after notice of the death of a resident

Clergymen. For twenty-five years deaths among Clergyman in Illinois have not averaged one a year.

The Society for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Deceased Clergymen of the Church in the State of Ohio was incorporated in 1834, and is now in its forty-fourth year. Any Clergyman of either Diocese of Ohio may become a member by depositing with the Treasurer a note of $50, not bearing interest, and paying the sum of $5. The note is subject to assessment, if the exigency of the society should require it, but otherwise is not available until the death of the member, when, unless previously cancelled, it is deducted from the first annuity. Members removing from the State do not forfeit their membership.

At the expiration of one year from the death of a member, his widow is entitled to an annuity of $50, and the children to participate, the male until twenty-one years of age and the female until twenty-five, unless they previously marry, when the annuity ceases. If five payments shall have been made, the annuity is $75, and 10 payments, $100.

Its assets are now $37,300, its annual receipts over $2,000, its annual benefits $3,000, and its annuitants twenty-one, receiving $1,950. During the entire period of its existence not one dollar, either of principal or interest of its invested funds, have been lost.

Bp. Bedell said of this Society, "While it is of the nature of insurance, it contains that element which insurance can never have, loving sympathy and care from the brotherhood—the Church."

The Rev. Dr. Muenscher, the founder of this Society, writes me "In this Western country I regard this as a greater success than could reasonably have been anticipated. Dues remaining unpaid are charged with twelve per cent. penalty. If a second marriage is contracted, further note of $50 is required. The beneficial interest of a member does not commence until the completion of one year and the payment of two annual dues. This provision is necessary to protect the Society from imposition. Our success has resulted from annual collections in Churches. To induce the members to make such collections, the avails if desired may be applied towards the payment of the note or if preferred to the payment of annual dues. A failure to pay annual dues, for three full years, works a forfeiture of membership. Some of the members are of the opinion that the annuities might safely increased to $75, $100 and $150. I am not of that opinion. Whenever the funds reach $50,000 it may be done, and annual collections, except at Conventions, be also dispensed with. But till that point is reached, I do not believe it would be safe. If any of our brethren wish to provide more liberally for their families, there are ways enough open for that purpose. There are reliable Life Insurance Companies and Co-operative Associations for that purpose. The Clergymen's League, in New York, is especially worthy of support and encouragement, and ought not to be allowed to languish. Mistakes were made at the outset, but they have been rectified, at least partially. If the members and other brethren will agree to take a collection where and when it is practicable, the plan on which our Society is organized is pretty sure to succeed. But great care and vigilance are required both on the part of the Secretary and Treasurer."

Preachers' Saving Fund Society is an incorporated Mutual Assurance Society for the Methodist preachers of Michigan. It has a board of elected trustees, a membership fee of $5, and an annual fee of $2. The annual premium secures to the family of a deceased member

of the profits of the investment of the society in the year in
he dies, and three-fourths of the renewal premium for the same
If there be from these sources any deficiency in obtaining the
) insurance, it is met by per capita tax on the members. If the
sed shall not have paid $50 into the funds of the society, then
nount necessary to make it this sum, shall be deducted from the
) to be paid to the widow or children.

: *Clerical Mutual Association* was organized under a charter in
1870, in New York city, as "The Society for Promoting Life
ance among Clergymen," inciting the Church to make provision for
lergy, proposing to carry on its work solely in connection with
st existing Life Insurance companies. Bishop Potter was one of
porate trustees. Finding that but a small part of the Clergy
be reached and aided in this way, in July of the same year, the
sh Mutual Association" was organized to supplement the original
nd furnish Pastors with insurance through the Parishes. This was
r modified to permit the Clergy in their own name and right to
ie Parish Association. Membership fee is $10 or $5, (whole or
and $2 or $1, each year.

: plan is to associate 500 ministers, or Churches for Pastors, in a
Upon each death each surviving member is assessed $10 for
mily of the deceased, and thus the family receive $5,000. A
nembership secures $2,500.

: claimed that the cost of this insurance is not one-half as much
the ordinary plan.

dmits Laymen to membership for the benefit of the Clergy. Thus
lass of 500, if 100 be Laymen, the risks are on the 400.

sent modifications are that there is but one class, and as it ex-
500, the assessments will diminish, limiting the period of eligi-
to fifty years, and removing the headquarters to Chicago.
es, under thirty-five, $5 admission fee and $5 mortuary dues;
en thirty-five and forty-five, $7.50 admission fee and $7.50 mor-
dues; between forty-five and fifty-five, $10 admission fee and
ortuary dues. All pay $2 for running expenses. One-fourth of
lergy of this Society are churchmen. The mortality has been on
verage, seven and a half per centum. There have been twenty-
eaths among the members since its organization, their families
ing from $1,000 to $2,700. The present membership of this So-
is 380, giving assurance of $2,825.

: weak points of this Society are that very few of the Clergy can
from their scanty incomes the sums demanded, or the time and
to educate Parishes to this work, the want of agents, the mis-
hension, prejudice and hostility on the part of interested parties,
ess being under the control of societies that advertise, and paid
s everywhere decrying all co-operative and mutual insurance.

Larrabee, one of its incorporators, Treasurer of Chicago, and
S. James' noblest laymen, writes:

y opinion of the Association is, that it is among the best, if not
ry best, of its kind. It offers insurance to a limited extent, at
one-third the expense of the ordinary Life Insurance plan, with
ssibility of loss, in case of failure, beyond the paid assessments
current year. It has, however, an element of weakness and un-
nty as to the *amount* any member would be entitled to at death, in
act that its members can withdraw at any moment, and that
h may do so in any year to make the benefit very light. In such
while the beneficiary would get all he paid for, he might leave

his family with less provision than he wished and supposed he had attained to."

The Clergymen's Mutual Insurance League was organized September, 1868, and incorporated February, 1869.

Not a dollar has been lost during its eight years of existence by defalcation or unsafe investment, and the total amount paid to the families of deceased members has been $205,000.

The average number of members since its organization has been 1,000. One hundred have died. The death rate has been one and one-tenth per cent., or twelve each year. The annual amount of mortuary dues paid by the members has been a little under $25. The average annual cost to each member of longest standing, for an insurance of $1,900, has been $25 in installments of $2 each. The total cost for such members for eight years has been $200.

For such a policy in reliable insurance companies, persons of the average age of the members of the League, would have paid $75 per annum, and for the whole period, $600.

The published rates of the great Life Insurance companies show that the annual dues from members joining them at the respective ages of 30, 40 and 50, are very nearly as 1, 1½ and 2, or as 5, 7½ and 10.

The cost of management of the League defrayed from the entrance fees, has been only 1½ per cent. of its income.

Life Insurance can be made no safer nor cheaper. The cost in this company is at the lowest—the actual cost of Life Insurance. It is simple assurance without loading for commissions, agencies or mistaken investments. Every dollar brings an *immediate* return.

It is alleged that the collection of mortuary assessments in small sums is impracticable. If true, it determines the limitations of Life Insurance to a certain class, excludes the masses and the Clergy from its benefits. But the history of associations thus collecting shows that the small assessments are paid promptly. The lapses in the League have been very much less than in ordinary insurance. The lapses from the largest company in the United States have been as numerous as the remaining members, and have forfeited, or have been charged on surrender, sums aggregating latterly, nearly a million dollars a year.

It is said that there are Clergy who cannot afford insurance in the League. The Latin law maxim *est modus in rebus* (everything has its limits) must apply to clerical as to secular companies.

If the principle of the Clergy League be not sound, then is all insurance a humbug. It goes back to the earliest ages of society. It had the sanction of the sages of all ancient communities. It was suggested by Solomon, and adopted among the workmen of the Temple. It was advocated by Pliny and Plato. Good King Alfred laid down the principles of mutual associations, with provisions for contingencies. Such societies are described in the Saxon Annals. The various Guilds practiced this assurance. The Templar bodies organized assurance societies. Through all these runs one common principle.

The League may have seasons of greater or less prosperity, but it can not die, nor fail to return a large interest on the money invested.

This is the *ultima thule* in this direction. What next? As one-third of the Clergy cannot meet even this demand however small, provision must be made general, by donations, bequests and collections, and specially the Parish meeting the demands and promising so to do upon the call of the Rector to the Parish.

The Mutual Benefit Societies of France are all under the guidance of a "Superior Commission of Encouragement and Surveillance," at Paris, at whose head is the Minister of the Interior. These societies send their monthly statements to the Commission, which makes an annual statement to the Emperor or President. During the last year there were 3,633 *approved* and 1,657 *authorized* societies of mutual benefit; the whole number of members, 782,498; 96,956 honorary and 585,542 regular contributors; of the latter 579,585 are men and 105,957 women. Their whole capitalized earnings, $8,000,000; their income, $3,000,000. Their expenses for the sick, $1,000,000; physicians, $300,000; medicines, $300,000; funeral expenses, $100,000; widows and orphans, $200.000; pensions for disabled, $200,000; miscellaneous, $1,000,000. There are fifty-seven mutual societies of vine-growers; who pay no money, but the work of the sick members is distributed among and done by the others.

A life-long faithful service entitles the Clergy to a pension in simple justice, a justice shown in all civilized governments to their soldiers and sailors. The Church should *seek out* and care for its aged Ministers, shielding them from a poverty which they would rather endure than ask for charity. Among her societies for this object is that of the Diocese of Maryland, which has a fund for this purpose, created by her Parishes, which yields about $1,800 per annum to six aged Clergymen, one a colored man.

The Aged Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of Albany, is $12,000, and yearly payments $1,200.

The Clergy Daughters' Fund originated with Bp. Potter in Penna., who in 1847 sent out a circular, which brought in less than a thousand dollars, and enabled him to aid in the education of nine young ladies. In 1849 the fund was made permanent and has been doing steady, silent, but effective work.

The Committee have briefly presented in their report the modifications and conditions of such insurance as is possible to the Clergy, and as may be suggestive of consideration for the purposes referred to in the Bishop's Address. The expensiveness and disastrous condition of ordinary and secular Life Assurance were adverted to by our Diocesan.

One of the experts of Western Insurance remarkably confirms the Bishop's declaration. He says that from 1869 to 1876, there were doing business in Illinois for the respective years, 71, 76, 72, 63, 50, 47, 41, and in 1876, thirty-eight companies, which received from Illinois $32,000,000, and returned to heirs at the death of the insured $10,000,000, and that the losses averaged only twenty-six per cent. of the receipts, and of thirteen persons taking out policies twelve lapsed before death. In eight years fifty-seven companies received $800,000,000 for premiums, and paid out for death losses $186,000,000.

The Insurance Commissioner of Massachusetts says that, "the expenses of thirty-four companies doing business in this State (Mass.) the past year were nearly $12,000,000, more than half as much as the entire amount paid for death losses."

He further reports, that of twenty-one mutual companies the cash assets were $52,000,000 and the cash liabilitles $71,000,000, leaving a cash deficiency of $19,000,000. The premium on notes of these companies amounted to $33,000,000, and the assessment of notes required is fifty-eight per cent.

The Massachusetts Commissioner declares that "the facility for swindling in life insurance is so great that the wonder is that it should ever be conducted with any degree of honesty."

It is well known that the commuted whole-life premiums receive an addition or loading of 33 per cent. In the five-year endowment policy, the loading was $39 per $1,000, while the "insurance value" was but $18.24. Reform has been talked of here but delayed. Such loading must lead necessarily to extravagance and waste.

Elizur Wright, an insurance expert and ex-insurance commissioner of Mass., says "the system leads into temptation. It would corrupt angels. It seems, in some respects, specially contrived for the propagation of rogues."

To say that of thirty savings banks chartered, 1867–1870, a majority have miserably failed, and that since 1870, 3,000 merchants have failed with amount of liabilities of more than a thousand millions of dollars, that three billions of dollars of capital invested in railroads have been sunk and one-third of this in 1877, and that Life Insurance companies compare very favorably with these as to bankruptcies and losses, is not very satisfactory to suffering families.

The State supervision so much talked of in Life Insurance is sound enough in itself, but its practice has been so encumbered with abuses that we may well question whether the people would not be better protected without than with it. What could be worse than the regime of Meiller and Smyth?—a screen for rascality instead of a protecting aegis. *Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?*

There are strong indications of healthy reaction in Life Insurance on the part of many companies, but it is not so widespread as to be called general. Where there is not dishonesty there are too often insecure loans, doubtful assets, complicated accounts, and inefficient methods of business. Some companies are reducing the book value of assets to their marketable value, marking off deferred premiums from the list of assets, charging all doubtful balances to profit and loss, and improving the methods of book-keeping.

One company has published to its policy-holders that its affairs have been badly managed; that defective book-keeping, inefficient methods, and poor investments have threatened bankruptcy; but that it its dividends have been reduced, and improved security is required on loans.

Other companies, without this frankness, are lopping off unhealthy branches and curtailing expenses, and the honest companies remaining intact are being reformed in expenditure and economy. The twenty-five thousand dollar salaries, and the thirty to forty per cent. on first premiums to agents, and the seven and a half to fifteen per cent. on subsequent premiums, and employing higher rates than are necessary to secure the persistence of the payments, are being so modified as to be less burdensome to the companies and to the insured.

The frauds perpetrated by the "adjusters" are being remedied by dismissing such as prey upon the fears of the widows and orphans for a compromise of the death claims for less than the amount due.

The great desideratum now in insurance is that foreshadowed by the Legislature of Massachusetts in chartering the *Massachusetts Family Bank* in 1876, anticipating the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States establishing an equitable "cash surrender value," and fixing the "surrender charge" at six per cent. of the insurance value.

The errors and defects of the present system may be cancelled without cataclysm, while the ability of a Life Insurance Company to meet s contracts when falling due depends upon a variety of circumances; upon the proper adjustment of the premiums, upon the rate f interest for investing and compounding the premiums, the secuty of the investments, and upon the facility for disposing of these ıvestments in case of need.

Yet according to the Rt. Hon. Mr. Gladstone, the policy holders in Life Insurance company must depend upon the prudence, the high onor and the character of those managing it. The *quality* of the ompany is the main thing. No institution rises morally above and eyond the integrity and ability of its official management.

The Clerical Leagues have this real security, with the added conideration, if one of them should be dishonest, that the Treasurer can windle the insured only out of two dollars each at farthest.

As the knowledge of what is going on from year to year is necessaily almost wholly on one side, there is room for swindling in the ordiıary, which does not exist in the mutual insurance.

It is alleged that there is no "cohesion" in the fraternal and clerical ·ompanies, at least none that can outlive three generations. Is there ıny technical "cohesion" about our Missionary societies, and yet the Missionary trusts them? And does not the credit of these societies vithout reserve or capital stand high in the commercial world? Is not he best "cohesion" in a membership of pecuniary interest combined vith strong moral sentiment and moral sympathy and with fraternity?

But what guarantee is there of the clerical clan being kept up? What certainty that any insurance company will be in existence a gen·ration hence? Have none wound up? Have no policy-holders been sold out? Have we yet reached the end of insurance catastrophes? How about the security promised by immense reserves? Who can ·ell what moneyed institutions and what resources are absolutely safe?

The Clerical companies, for the number of the Clergy, and the mu·ual companies having associated with them the fraternal principle, are ·etter kept up, have greater cohesion than ordinary Life Insurance ompanies.

In the United States a half million families pay to Life Insurance ›mpanies one hundred millions annually, and are bound by four undred millions to pay as much for life or a long period. Twenty-ve millions every year go to widows and orphans, besides endowments › the living from fifty companies, one-half of the business being done y *five companies*, and one-fifth of the whole by a single company.

What a revelation, that one-half of the business of Life Insurance done by FIVE companies and one-fifth of the whole by ONE company!

Is not the success as to the large numbers insured in these companies ue to the agency system, which by its extravagant per centum has lso led into temptation, and which has unintentionally propagated ›gues? And yet while the agency system is essential to ordinary in·rance, and less would have been done by agents stimulated by an rdinary per cent., Life Insurance would thereby have been safer and ankruptcies averted. That the agency system is indispensable is roved by the Insurance Department of the British Government. It

has a bureau charged with the business of insurance, and it enjoys [illegible] gratuitous services of 4,000 postmasters, with a maximum policy [illegible] $500, yet but 400 policies were issued during 1877 over the British [illegible] pire, where insurance is better understood and where there are th[illegible] times as many insurance companies as in America.

The Insurance companies say there are no statistics by which [illegible] value of a church clergyman's life, to use the insurer's terms, can [illegible] ascertained with accuracy. There are no tables of such lives. [illegible] common English tables must be resorted to, with or without all [illegible] ances, for peculiarities of climate and professional life in this co[illegible] try, as the calculator shall think fit. It is generally supposed that [illegible] life of a Clergyman of the Church is not, until the middle period [illegible] life, as good for insurance for the whole term of his life as an [illegible] nary healthy life, and afterwards, that it is something better, at [illegible] for a period of years. While this may be of little or no importance to companies insuring a great number of lives in general, it is of [illegible] portance to a corporation confined to this particular class of lives. [illegible] secure stability any company for a small class must necessarily charge a higher rate of premium.

In connection with Clerical Life Insurance it must be remembered that the class being special it must necessarily consist of a small number of persons. If the whole class should become contributors, the number would then be small. The whole number of the Clergy of the religious bodies in the U. S. is 65,000. From past experience it is necessary to suppose that the number resorting to the League and mutual societies will at all times fall short of the entire class. The liabilities to fluctuation in the condition of an insurance company for the Clergy, taking but a small number of risks must be obvious.

Here is a remarkable admission which modifies the theory which would exclude the Clergy beyond middle life or increase the rate of insurance for them in the mutual plan. Life is the most precarious of human possessions. Out of 1,000 healthy persons living to-day at the age of thirty-five, ten will die by the end of the year.

The deaths in the Nation during the year are between two and thr[illegible] per cent. of the whole population. In those assured in ordinary co[illegible] panies, between the ages of fifteen and sixty, seven die annually, a[illegible] one-eight of the members in fourteen years. We are satisfied th[illegible] the mortality of the Clergy is safely put by the most careful calc[illegible] lators at twenty per cent. less than that of the rest of the communit[illegible] An eminent English actuary, in his official report, says that the lo[illegible] gevity of English "Clergymen is full twenty per cent. superior to th[illegible] of the rest of the community." A high insurance authority say[illegible]

"Out of one hundred of each of the following classes the numbe[illegible] of those who attain their seventieth year, is: Clergymen, 42; far[illegible] ers, 40; traders and manufacturers, 33; soldiers and clerks, 32; la[illegible] yers, 29; artists, 28; professors, 27; physicians, 24."—*Insuran[illegible] Times* (New York), February, 1878.

Some experts say that the average age of American Ministers a[illegible] death is found to be sixty-four, which is four years more than th[illegible] longevity of the next most favored class; ten years more than in the [illegible] other professions, and from twelve to nineteen years above that o[illegible] mechanics, artisans, miners and operators.

The following table of "Longevity of Ministers" has been pub[illegible] lished by the Secretary of the "Clerical Mutual Life Assurance Soci[illegible] ety," England:

ıinquennial Divisions.	Mortality per cent. in 20 Companies.	Mortality per cent. in Clerical Mutual.
24 to 29	0.73	0.61
30 to 34	0.85	0.42
35 to 39	0.97	0.53
40 to 44	1.09	0.59
45 to 49	1.36	0.73
50 to 54	1.72	1.18
55 to 59	2.35	1.72
60 to 64	3.38	2.22
65 to 69	4.90	3.80

e no antagonism to ordinary Life Assurance. For those who l it in the present and prospectively, the best is a policy in of the well-tried Life Insurance companies. But all experi-'s that ordinary insurance can not be afforded by the Clergy on account of the rates and large payments at once. Be-third of the Clergy are *uninsurable* in first-class companies, e peculiarly subject to nervous diseases, and yet living the ey are rejected by medical examiners.

l the varied inducements for the Clergy, only one in eight ; provision for his family, and only one in sixteen continues ion. And yet to the Clergy generally life insurance of some appear to be a necessity, for the average salary of the Am-ergy is but $600. Hugh Davy Evans in his time said the ılary of all the Clergy in the Diocese of Maryland, was $560, of the country Clergy, separated from the cities, was $350. average at present is higher the expense of living has pro-ly increased.

inent prelate of Illinois, being dead, yet speaketh in his ad-856:

is a story of a priest of a heathen shrine, on whose arm live coal from the censer he bore, and he flinched not, lest l utensil should fall to the ground, and his divinity be dis-I tell you, beloved brethren, there are priests of the living ır own Diocese to-day) who move on through their hallowed vith that coal lying simmering on their hearts; who write ons; preach and pray; visit the sick and well in their cures; les to cheer others, and tears responsive to others' griefs; coal on the heart may be burning hotter and deeper, and yet struggle to shake it off. They walk on, bearing the vessels rd, and try to look away from the wounded spirit within, by rk without."

ıs for the Clergy must free Life Insurance from its heavy tax issions and salaries, and give them the benefit of their supe-vity (not attainable in insurance companies,)—in other words, re insurance *at its actual cost.*

ıis examination the committee find that the noblest Church or assurance and relief have grown from the smallest begin-

eir annual income and additions to their permanent fund very small and from very few persons;

eeting fully their obligations they have afforded ample secu-ontinuous stability, and have been conducted without agen-vithout salaries, and for "more than three generations" some bited wonderful "cohesion;"

That they have had no defaulting officer nor loss of funds;

That the relief has been large for the small cost;

That they have not had one case in court nor have they rejected one claim;

That they afford every variety of insurance;

That, furnishing insurance at mere cost, they are conducted with no expense to their members;

That the Clergy and the Clergy of the Church especially have been the chief originators and promoters of insurance organizations both in England and America;

That lapses are less frequent in the Clerical than in the ordinary companies;

That the frequent small payments through the year are made more promptly than one large annual payment;

That classes in co-operative companies have proved not only unfavorable to growth but to their very existence, and have been abandoned as the result of experience.

Your Committee find that the greatest obstacle to full success in the Clerical companies is the small number of Clergy as a class and the failure to gather this class into one company arising from denominational separations, and from the very small number of the Church Clergy compared to the whole class; and from their want of hearty co-operation, and when unable to insure, failing from their mistaken sense of delicacy to ask the Parish to aid them;

That the Clergy as a class have not the ability to insure upon the ordinary plan, and that of those thus able very few avail themselves of its advantages;

That one-third of the Clergy cannot insure even at the mere cost of insurance; and probably not more than one-sixth can insure at the mere cost without inconvenience;

That the agency system and the "cohesive" payments are the life of ordinary insurance, and that these cannot be employed in Clerical and co-operative companies;

That insurance experts claim that co-operative insurance fails, either wholly or partially, in a policy covering a term of years, because the persistence of the annual advance payments is not sufficiently secured;

That the denominational clerical bond, while affording somewhat of a substitute therefor, needs to be supplemented by the fraternal principle in parochial organizations, thus securing not only a large class from which to gather the insured, but also increasing parish interest and ties and material aid to the Clergy in their assurance;

That there is no necessary antagonism between the ordinary and the co-operative insurance, the latter merely supplementing the former and educating the people for the former as they grow in means to obtain it; and

That insurance being presented at mere cost, it has reached its *Ultima Thule*.

The Committee beg leave to submit the following series of preambles and resolutions:

1. WHEREAS, The corporations for the relief of the widows and children of Clergymen of the Church in Pennsylvania and New York

are the oldest and most successful clerical societies in the American Church, and have stood the test and trials of a century; and

WHEREAS, They afford all the advantages of ordinary life insurance at the most moderate rate, and correspond to the successful Assurance Society for the Clergy of the Anglican Communion; and,

WHEREAS, Such clerical assurance societies cannot, with successful results, be organized in our small Dioceses; and,

WHEREAS, The corporations of New York and Pennsylvania have continued their benefactions to the Clergy of their respective States, now embracing, in the former five, and the latter three, Dioceses, and this without detriment to the Clergy of the parent Dioceses; therefore,

Resolved, That the Clerical Assurance Corporations of Pennsylvania and New York be, and hereby are, respectfully requested to consider the feasibility and propriety of extending the benefits of their societies to the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western Michigan without any farther modification of their policy, and without any modification of their management and control.

2. WHEREAS, The Clergy generally cannot make one large annual payment, and must have insurance at its cheapest rate—at its mere cost, and in very small payments—to secure its benefits at all; and,

WHEREAS, There is but one such society for the Clergy of the Church at large, affording insurance at mere cost and in fragmentary payments, and meeting with general favor; therefore,

Resolved, That the Clerical Insurance League is hereby cordially commended to the Clergy for their continued patronage.

3. WHEREAS, There are Clergymen who cannot pay any, the smallest sum, for insurance; therefore,

Resolved, That such cases are commended to the consideration of Parishes and benevolent laymen.

Resolved, That Parishes and Vestries are hereby earnestly recommended in their corporate capacities to make provision for insuring the life of each Rector as he enters upon the duties of his office in the Parish.

4. WHEREAS, There are Clergymen who can afford and who prefer the regular insurance in large and secular companies; therefore,

Resolved, That to such are commended the companies having a Clergyman's department, provided such companies are unquestionably safe, and are under management beyond any suspicion of trickery or fraud.

5. WHEREAS, The Laity from many considerations, and after many appeals from Bishops and Clergy, do not to any extent, by benefactions or annual payments, aid the Clergy in providing relief for disability, or assurance for their families at their death, and in few cases only temporarily; that is, while their Rectors are in charge of their Parishes; and,

WHEREAS, It is hopeless to attempt to obtain any material aid for the Clergy by appeals to the Laity only as it is secured by some means which will identify them with the Laity in common work and common interest; and,

WHEREAS, In our "every-one-for-himself civilization," life insurance of some sort is a necessity; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinary Life Assurance is not available either for the Clergy or the parishioners generally; and,

WHEREAS, the Clerical Associations are necessarily restricted to a small class by reason of the small number of the Clergy of the Church in America, and still more, by the inability of some to pay for any insurance whatever, even when furnished at mere cost, without loading for agencies or a reserve fund; and,

WHEREAS, A system of paid agencies is proved to be essential to the large growth and flourishing maintenance of insurance companies; and,

WHEREAS, Such agency system, if applied to the clerical societies, would render them equally expensive with ordinary insurance and take from them the chief reason for their existence; and,

WHEREAS, Some substitute may and ought to be found for the agency and "cohesive" system; and,

WHEREAS, Mutual companies combining the fraternal principle are multiplying and are very successful, not only as insurance companies, but as brotherhoods; and,

WHEREAS, The Guilds and Brotherhoods of the Church have proved comparatively inefficient, and are restricted to a very small number of Parishes, and perhaps from the want of what has made other fraternal bodies efficient and persistent, viz: definite relief and definite assurance; and,

WHEREAS, The few cents per capita required for the assurance of a Rector in the society with its members would not be regarded as a burden, and thus the Rector would receive his assurance without cost; and,

WHEREAS, The Clergy and Laity are really one brotherhood with common interests, and fraternal Parochial assurance would make the Pastor one of the Parish to be cared for; and,

WHEREAS, We have the shadow of the grand incidental results of fraternal insurance forecast by the early Laic days of the Pennsylvania society; therefore,

Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended that Parochial Guilds, with definite relief and definite assurance as primary objects, be organized wherever expedient, and when the number of such Guilds shall render it practicable that a Diocesan organization be effected, looking to an eventual National organization.

Resolved, That a committee of three be and hereby is appointed to prepare a system of By-laws for Parochial organizations for relief, assurance and fraternity; and, if they shall think it feasible after correspondence with persons in other Dioceses, to secure from the Legislature of Michigan an act of incorporation for such organization.

6. WHEREAS, There are only thirty-four Clergymen in this Diocese, and less than one hundred in the two Dioceses of Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, The salaries of our Clergy are small and payments tardy; and,

WHEREAS, A portion of our Clergy are interested in several companies of a general character which cannot be much improved for efficiency, safety and economy; therefore,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to organize any especial Life Assurance Society for the Diocese of Western Michigan alone, or even for the whole State, which would contemplate the payment of any con-

derable amount, or would entrench upon the purposes and objects any existing society.

Resolved, That only such an organization as has existed in the State Ohio from an early day appears to be demanded, and could be at l successfully maintained, requiring for each member annually the im of $5.00, and one deposit with a Treasurer of a premium note for 0.00, not bearing interest, the premium notes or parts of them supying deficiencies in annuities of $50.00, $75.00 or $100.00, according the number of the annual payments.

7. WHEREAS, The liability of even the inadequate support of the lergy to cease altogether, and thus leave the worn-out minister unrovided for, in protracted sickness or in the decrepitude of age, is a ource of great anxiety; and,

WHEREAS, From the experience of the Clergy in the past century s to the Laity, no adequate aid can be secured from them by any plan s yet in use; and,

WHEREAS, The American Church Guild is a corporation based upon afe and scientific principles; therefore,

Resolved, That it appears to be desirable that the Guild may be ither made a branch of one of the general and successful clerical associations, or at the earliest prudent moment be placed in a condition f available efficiency.

8. WHEREAS, The Clergymen's Retiring Fund Society, also incorporated, contemplates a provision for one of the classes to be provided or by the American Church Guild, viz: the relief of the self-sacrificing veterans in the Ministry of the Church; therefore,

Resolved, That it is desirable that there may be a combination of the etiring Fund Society with the American Church Guild, or, with one f the old and reliable Clerical insurance companies, as a branch of ie same, thus diminishing the number of general societies of germane bjects, and by combination creating efficiency.

Resolved, That the attention of liberal-minded Laymen is hereby lled to the importance of benefactions for the augmentation of "the und for Aged and Infirm Clergy and the Relief of Widows and rphans of Clergymen," and the attention of Rectors and Parishes is reby called to the importance of the "Annual Collection" to be ken up in every Parish for the same fund.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. McMURDY,
In behalf of the Committee.

Report of the Committee on Wardens and Vestrymen.

(See Page 38.)

At the Third Annual Convention, which met in Trinity Church, Niles, May 30, 1877, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Wardens and Vestrymen, was referred to the undersigned as a Special Committee. There not being time during the session of that Convention to properly consider so important a subject, the Committee was continued, in order that it might report at the next Convention. It herewith submits its report:

ORIGIN OF VESTRIES.

Vestries appear to have originated in the convenience of the Parish, in acting through a body of men smaller than the congregation. In England, except in special cases, the Parishioners assemble in vestry to discharge the same duties that in this country are committed to the delegated body. In New York, Vestries date back to 1664, and in Maryland to 1692. The Vestry seems to have taken its name from the fact of meeting for the most part in the room where the minister puts on his vestments. As long as the Parish is retained as a part of Church organization, the Vestry would seem to be a suitable and effective mode of conducting its business.

POWERS AND DUTIES.

The Vestry is a body corporate. It is not the Parish, for besides the Vestry are the Rector, Wardens and Congregation. The corporate title runs thus: "Rectors, Wardens and Vestrymen." As a corporate body the Vestry have power to take and hold real estate, and to manage all the property and temporalities of the Parish. They hold office during the year for which the congregation elects them on Easter Monday, and until their successors are chosen. They call the Rector and appoint the Sexton and subordinate agents of the Parish, fix the amount of salaries or compensation, and provide for their payment whether by renting pews, subscription or otherwise. They have care of the Church Edifice, and are to provide a Bible, Prayer Book, and all other requisites for the proper celebration of Divine Service; a register to contain the statistics of the Parish; the bread and wine for the Holy Communion; and it is their duty to take up the offerings in the Church. These latter duties more particularly pertain to the two Wardens, whom the Vestry choose from their own number, and who

must be communicants. The Vestry elect Lay delegates to the Diocesan Convention and provide for the expenses of the Rector attending it. They sign certificates in favor of candidates for Priests' and Deacons' Orders. The Wardens provide for services during a vacancy in the Rectorship, and prepare and transmit the Parochial Report when there is no Rector. The Vestry have power to present a Minister for trial under the Canons of the Church, and to apply to the Bishop for a separation of the Rector from the Parish when his continued incumbency would work serious injury to the Parish; or when there is a controversy between Parish and Rector that they are unable of themselves to settle. Our Diocesan Canon IX. further declares that the Vestry are "in general to act as helpers to the Minister in whatever is appropriate for Laymen in furtherance of the Gospel." (Sec. 5.) This has been construed to mean that it is their duty to admonish those who are negligent in attending Church (which must include the force of example by a regular attendance on their own part); to prohibit loungers in the vestibule or in the Church yard in time of Divine Service; to call the Rector's attention to those needing advice and counsel, and to strangers attending the Service; to teach in the Sunday School; to encourage young men of proper character and qualifications to study for the Sacred Ministry, and to help care for the poor and sick of the Parish. This Spiritual side of the duties of a Vestry is very much overlooked. It involves the necessity of making Vestrymen of men of high moral character and who have an honest and sincere interest in the increase and prosperity of the Church. The remarks of Bishop Huntington, quoted by Bishop Gillespie in that portion of his address your Committee were appointed to report upon, are none too strongly expressed, and worthy of most serious consideration. Many of the sad injuries inflicted upon the Church, many of the shameful scandals that have pained her devout members, can be traced to Vestrymen who know and care nothing about the Church, and whose stained character was disregarded in view of some temporal advantage that might accrue to the Parish from their official connection with it. A Vestry must have Christian character or all else it has will be of no avail.

As soon as a Parish is vacant it is the duty of the Vestry to notify the Bishop of the fact, and as soon as a Rector is called, to notify him of that. Canon X. of our Diocese provides that this must be done. A Parish which calls a Rector without consultation with the Bishop fails in a delicate Christian courtesy, and also in availing itself of a principal safeguard against unwise action.

RELATIONS OF THE VESTRY TO THE RECTOR.

It is the right of the Rector to call Vestry meetings on a notice of not less than three days. It is his right to preside at the Vestry meeting, and in case of division to give the casting vote. Whenever the Vestry transact any business the Rector ought to be present. There is a legal provision for this in the State of New York. No alienation of the property of the Parish by the Vestry is valid without the union of the Rector. To quote the language of Sir John Nichol (Wilson vs. Mackmath, 3 Phillimore, 67): "The Minister is not, in consideration of law, a mere individual of a Vestry; nor is he in any instance so described. On the contrary, he is always described as the first, and as an integral part of the Parish." The control and possession of the Church Edifice on Sundays, and at all times when open to Divine Services, appertains exclusively to the Rector. If the Rector introduces any irregularity in the Services, the Vestry have no authority to interfere, but may complain to the Bishop.

RELATIONS OF THE VESTRY TO THE CONGREGATION.

The Vestry are chosen by the Congregation and act as their agents. They are to meet often enough to have proper knowledge of all the temporal interests of the Parish committed to them. At the end of any year, if their be a deficiency of the sum required to pay the Rector and other expenses of the Parish, they are not to permit deficiencies to accumulate year after year, but are to assemble the Parishioners, lay the facts before them, and enforce payment of the sum deficient. Very often a Vestry keep to themselves all the detail of the business of the Congregation, who do not know of trouble growing out of deficient revenues until too late to remove them; or until the difficulty of removing them is greatly increased. Sometimes a Vestry are moved to act as masters of the Congregation and to do what the Congregation would not have done, instead of remembering that they are acting by authority which the Congregation has delegated to them. The Congregation must not feel that they are absolved from responsibility because they have chosen a Vestry. They must support the Vestry in all those duties they chose them to perform. They must supply them with money enough to discharge all payments the Parish has assumed, uphold their authority, and co-operate with them in all proper acts which are intended to maintain the character of the Parish and subserve its prosperity.

CANONS AND PRECEDENTS.

The powers and duties of Wardens and Vestrymen as set forth in this report, are for the most part embodied in the laws of the State and the Canons of the Diocese, and where not correctly stated under our statute law, your Committee are of the opinion that the law should be so amended as to correspond with the views here expressed. But in addition to this, your Committee have endeavored to embody the opinions of learned writers upon Church law, based upon common law principles and the decisions of courts; the general sense of the Church as shown by the legislation asked and the Canons enacted in other States and Dioceses; and the conclusions of Bishops and Priests of the Church who have written upon the subject. Taken together, these furnish the highest and most trustworthy authority that it is possible to present.

CONCLUSION.

Your Committee have thought that in a clear and authoritative setting forth of what Vestries ought to do, their omissions of duty, and errors and excess of authority would be most forcibly exhibited. A few illustrations may serve to indicate this. A vestry omits to notify the Bishop of a vacancy in the Rectorship or the call of a Rector, but our Canon requires them to do it. In the vacancy of a Rector, the Vestry from neglect or motives of false economy suspend the services, when it is the duty of the Wardens to maintain them by lay-reading and occasional services of a Clergyman, when a supply during the vacation is not attainable. When a Rector is called at a given salary, the pew rents or subscriptions or offertory, only pay a part of it, the Vestry cannot say we will pay as far as the money goes, and if our Rector secures only half his salary it is not our fault. It is the special and legal duty to obtain from the congregation, in whose every half they made the contract with the Rector, the full amount they stipulated to pay him. They ought always to make provision for the salary of the Rector before they call him. The Bishop spoke of the Rector being his own sexton, etc., but it is the duty of the Wardens to see that every kind of provision is made for public worship; to see that the Church edifice is kept clean, warm and lighted, that elements for the Sacraments are provided, and that good order is maintained d[illegible]

ng worship. A Vestry may not meet without due public notice, and ake action affecting the Rector during his absence. He is as much a art of the Parish as they are; it is his right to preside at their meet- ng, and they cannot act legally without him. The irregularities in orship by the Rector are not to become a subject of angry contest etween Rector and Vestry, but in this the Vestry are to act through he Bishop to whom complaint may be made. But your Committee do ot feel it to be necessary to produce further illustrations.

When, however, all the legal aspects of the subject are considered, omething further remains. The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen are presumed to be Christian men, from the fact that they are Christian teachers and officers in the Church of Christ. They are all in their respective functions put in trust of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the result of their mutual action is to be that the Gospel prevail within the range of their office and influence. The principles which underlie Christian duty are to affect and control their relations and intercourse. In this we can see how grievous an error it is, and untrue to the very foundation principles of the Church, to put in any of its offices men who care not for Christian restraint and duty and will not consent to be guided and governed by the love of Christ. A sincere striving on each side to perform Christian duty would leave but few occasions where either the Rector, or the Wardens and Vestrymen, would feel called upon to assert their respective rights under the Canon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. CONOVER.
H. B. WHITTEMORE.
CHAS. F. BOCK.
W. B. WILLIAMS.

The Tenure of Church Property.

REPORT OF THE MINORITY OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

(See Page 39.)

The Committee appointed at the suggestion of the Bishop, at a meeting of the Trustees of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, to take into consideration the subject of the Tenure of Church Property, and consider by what authority it may be alienated, and report to this Convention, do accordingly report:

First. That the power to grant, convey, mortgage, lease, or otherwise alienate, Church Parish property, resides in the Vestry only, and independently of the congregation, or other authority, and consequently that Section 3062, of Chapter 108, of the Compiled Laws, has no application to Protestant Episcopal Churches organized under the act approved February 17, 1857, or reorganized under act approved March 14, 1865.

The particular Section under which the Vestry derives its power to alienate, being Section 7 of the act of February 17, 1857, above referred to.

Second. It is the judgment of the Committee that further legislation upon this subject is neither necessary nor desirable, and for the following among other reasons:

It is seriously questioned whether any legislation providing for the consent, before alienation, of the Bishop and Standing Committee, of that of the Trustees of the Association, or of any outside authority, would be valid and binding upon the Parish corporation.

It is suggested that "neither the Bishop nor the Standing Committee, has any corporate quality and neither has any necessary legal relation to the corporation of a Parish;" or, whether the Parish statute and the Association statute, are in such relation as to make the refusal of the consent of the Trustees binding upon the Parish corporation.

Such legislation if not wholly invalid, would be likely to provoke conflict between the Parish and the outside authority, and produce disastrous effect upon the administration of the temporal affairs of Parishes.

er called out there is a very decided expression of opinion centralized Church property, or a centralized control of operty, as contrary to the spirit of the Protestant Episcopal d against its general plan.

In considering the question whether a check upon aliena- e Vestry cannot be found and provided for within the Parish n, similar to that in Section 3062 cited above, we submit g as the Vestry has, and must necessarily have, the power lebts for which the Parish property may be seized and sold, traint would be of no practical value.

ve do not underestimate the evils which occasionally arise absolute power of alienation residing in Vestries, we still are less than those liable to result to the Church as a whole ption of any new system.

ing these conclusions, the Committee has been in consulta- ome of the best lawyers of the State connected with our ad drawn largely from their views in making this report.

usion, the Committee would recommend the adoption of the resolution, which if adopted will be in its character advis-

', That prudence in the administration of the temporal af- arishes, and a proper respect for the general Canon of the equire that no Church real property of the Protestant Church, should be in any manner granted, conveyed, or d, without the previous consent in writing of the Bishop, ority of the Standing Committee of this Diocese, or in case ncy in the office of Bishop, or his absence from the Diocese, rity of the Standing Committee.

N. P. LOVERIDGE.

Parochial Reports.

Digest of the Canons, Title I., Canon 14, Section IV., (3); Canon 17, Section I; and of Western Michigan, Canon VIII.

NOTE—The date annexed to the Parish is that of its Incorporation: that to the Rector's name, of the commencement of his Rectorship.

S. James' Church, Albion, Calhoun County. (1840.)

The Rev. GERRET E. PETERS, Rector. (1870.)

James B. Delbridge, C. Howard Daskam, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 8. Confirmed, 4.		
Communicants—Last reported, 59; Admitted, 4; Received, 2; total added, 6; died, 1; removed, 2; suspended or dropped, 2; total lost, 5; present number—male, 12; female, 46. Total,		58
Marriages, 11; burials, 10.		
Public Services—Sundays, 102; week days, 82. Total, exclusive of burials,		184
Holy Communion—Public, 14; private, 1.		
Congregation—Families, 71; adults, 167; children, 56. Total,		223
Catechising—My intention is to Catechise every Sunday.		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 7. Total,		11
Pupils, male, 22; female, 54. Total,		76
Average attendance,		45

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported.)	$ 10 39
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	802 52
By the Sunday School, for leaflets and papers,	10 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	$822 91

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

esan Missions,	$15 00	
l and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	2 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		17 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

estic Missions,	$1 00	
ign Missions,	2 00	
e Missions for Colored People,	1 50	
ne Sunday School, for Miss Scott's School in Africa,	6 96	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		11 46
Total of Offerings,		$851 87

e sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, 9; the Envelope System, $829.48; the Sunday School, $10.

ue of Church Property—The Church, $6,000.

out the country, in school houses, have officiated nineteen times, ied two funerals, and baptized two infants, which are included above report.

(Bishop's Address, pages 63, 69.)

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urch of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, Allegan County. 1860.

The Rev. WALTER SCOTT, Rector. (1875.)

William B. Williams, Dan J. Arnold, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

ized—Infants, 5; adults, 3; total, 8. Confirmed, 11.	
nunicants—Last reported, 74; admitted, 11; received, 8; total added, 14; removed, 6; present number—male, 27; female, 55. Total,	82
iages, 3; burials, 3.	
ic Services—Sundays, 97; week days, 63. Total,	160
Communion—Public, 13.	
regation—Families, 51; adults, 125; children, 85. Total,	210
hising—Number of times, 24.	
ay School—Teachers and officers, male, 6; female, 8. Total,	14
Pupils, male, 43; female, 47. Total	90
Average attendance,	54
h Library—Number of Volumes, 25.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

ies and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$1,050 00	
ent of Parish indebtedness,	300 00	
the Sunday School, for Insurance of Church ilifice,	30 00	
ne Sunday School, for Sunday School purposes	50 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1,480 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

ocesan Missions,	$30 00	
ssessment of the Convention,	24 75	
ged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.	3 60	
y the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	6 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$64 35

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$2 50	
Foreign Missions,	2 75	
Home Missions for Colored People,	1 30	
Indian Missions,	1 30	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	4 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		11 85
Total of offerings,		$1 506 20

Value of Church Property—The Church, $6,000

(Bishop's Address, pages 61, 66, 70.)

S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, Calhoun County (1842.)

The Rev. JOHN T. MAGRATH, Rector. (1877.)

Clement Wakelee and Charles F. Bock, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 18; Adults, 5; Total, 18. Confirmed, 18.

Communicants—Last reported, 111; admitted, 17; Died, 2; removed, 2; suspended or dropped, 4; total lost, 8; present number, male, 25; female, 95. Total,

Marriages, 2; burials, 7.

Public Services—Sundays, 60; week days, 50. Total,

Holy Communion—Public, 8.

Congregation—Families, 96; adults, 189; children, 124. Total,

Catechising—Monthly.

Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 5; female, 12. Total,

Pupils—Total,

Average attendance,

Number of volumes,

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 12 00	
For the Sunday School,	58 50	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	904 06	
The increase and improvement of Church property, (New Church,)	6,638 64	
Ladies' Aid Society, furnishing new Church,	681 78	
Young Men's Church Union, frescoing chapel,	28 55	
Individual offerings, frescoing chapel,	15 00	
Ladies' Aid Society, for music,	50 00	
By the Sunday School, for chancel window,	75 04	
By the Sunday School, for its current expenses,	85 06	
By Bible class, for lectern,	125 00	
By Bible class, for Bible and Book marks,	63 50	
By class of young girls, prayer desks and prayer books,	62 50	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$8,749 63

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	50 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	8 80	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	12 47	
By the Sunday School for Diocesan Missions,	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$70 77

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$22 19	
Foreign Missions,	8 89	
Indian Missions,	4 50	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	12 75	
By the Sunday School for Domestic Missions,	4 93	
Foreign Missions,	4 93	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		58 19
Total of Offerings,		$8,878 59

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, $198.07; Pew rents, $397.25; Subscriptions, $6,656.49; Legacies, $900; Individual gifts, $5; Women's associations, $731.78; Total, $8,878.59; the whole amount from the Sunday School, $375.97.

Value of Church property—the Church and Chapel, $23,000; Rectory, $2,000; Total, $25,000. All paid for.

The present Rector entered upon his duties on the first Sunday in Advent, December 2, 1877.

On the 20th of August, 1875, was begun the work of removing the old Church edifice.

June 14, 1876, the corner stone of the new Church was laid with appropriate ceremonies by the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese.

By the self-sacrifice, patience and perseverance of the people of t Parish, under the efficient superintendence of the building committ (Messrs. Wm. Andrus, chairman, C. Wakelee, J. M. Ward, C. F. Bo and E. Cox, M. D.) in the favoring Providence of God, the good wo was brought to completion, and the Church was opened for Div Service on Sunday, February 10, 1878.

The dimensions of the Church are as follows: length, 92 fe width, 48 feet; transepts, 22 by 9; chancel, 22 by 16; tower and spi 120 feet. The chapel adjoining the Church, in the rear of the chanc measures 46 by 22 feet. The entire structure is built of brick, w cut stone trimmings. The ceiling is open roof, frescoed in pane The walls are tinted in gray. The wainscot and doors are of butt nut. The pews are of black walnut. The Church is lighted by t coronas, 42 jets each, and is heated by furnaces.

By a final and most generous effort of the committee the new edifi beautiful, substantial and commodious, was handed over to the Vest absolutely free from all incumbrance, and was duly consecrated the Bishop, assisted by several of the Clergy, in the presence of crowded congregation, February 27, 1878.

The ladies of the Parish have labored most diligently, and to th endeavors the success of this noble enterprise is very largely due. children and youth have also contributed generously (as the re shows) to the ornamentation and furnishing of the chancel.

Six of the windows, in stained glass of great beauty, are pers offerings in the form of memorials, viz: In memoriam, John St Allen T. Havens, Sylvester Reed, James Townsend, John K. ridge and Nathaniel Tapscott. Of these, the first two were or members of the Parish, and among the builders of the old Ch Grateful mention should be made of the legacy of $900 received the estate of the late James Townsend.

The Sunday School, carried on uninterruptedly during the pe Church building, by the faithful superintendent and teachers flourishing condition, and the Rector's Bible class of adults is ously attended. A "Young Men's Church Union" has been and the "Ladies' Parish Aid Society" has been re-organized.

With its handsome and commodious Church and Chapel, all by God's blessing upon its unity, cordiality, zeal, and large-he to which the Rector gladly bears testimony, S. Thomas' P do a blessed work in its own community and render firm the Diocese.

(Bishop's Address, page 67, 70, 71.)

S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, Mecosta County. (1869.)

The Rev. Joseph S. Large, Rector. (1875.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 8.	
Communicants—Last reported, 67; removed, 7; Suspended or dropped, 18; total lost, 25; present number, male, 4; female, 38; total, - - -	42
Marriages, 4; burials, 2.	
Public Service—Sundays, 100; week days, 35; total, - -	135
Holy Communion—Public, 14.	
Congregation—Families, 65; adults, 134; children, 92; total, -	226
Catechising—Number of times, 12.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 10; total,	11
Pupils, male, 32; female, 65; total, - -	97
Average attendance, - - - -	54
Parish Library—Number of volumes, - - - -	150

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 67 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	1100 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School, - -	42 44	
" " " " Bell, - - -	18 35	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		1,227 79

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	$20 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc., - -	4 38	
Total for Diocesan Objects, -		24 38

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - - -	$10 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese.		10 00
Total of Offerings, - -		$1,262 17

(Bishop's Address, pages 61, 68.)

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Grace Church, Burr Oak, St. Joseph County. (1868.)

The Rev. Henry Safford, Rector. (1875.)

No Report.

(Bishop's Address, pages 65, 71, 74.)

Casnovia Mission, Kent County.

In June, 1877, a Sunday School was commenced at Topping's Hall, in this village, by Mrs. Laura S. Lee, of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids. She was zealously aided in this enterprise by several ladies and gentlemen resident here; and much interest was manifested from the first by the scholars. The school steadily increased in numbers; and proved in every respect a success. In September, the Rev. Dr. Schetky, at the time supplying S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, in the Rector's absence, officiated at Casnovia by Mrs. Lee's earnest request. It was the first time the Episcopal Service had ever been held in the village. Rev. Dr. Schetky made two or three visits to the Mission, and his labors, by God's blessing, enured to the permanent establishment of Episcopal Services in the place. Since that time, the Bishop, and the Rev. Messrs. Mortimer, Beckwith and Morris, have statedly officiated for that people; a Mission has been established; three adults and one infant have been baptized; five have been confirmed; services have been held fort-nightly, on Monday evenings, to large and attentive congregations; and there are now twelve communicants connected with the Mission. The Sunday School is prosperous; and the condition of affairs is, in all respects, encouraging. Arrangements have been made to secure the services of Rev. Moseley Morris as Missionary in charge. The ladies, unaided from without, have also raised funds to purchase an organ for the use of the Mission.

GEO. D. E. MORTIMER,
Rector of S. Mark's, Grand Rapids.

(Bishop's Address, pages 66, 70.)

Grace Mission, Charlotte, Eaton County. (1876.)

The Rev. John L. Taylor, Missionary. (1874.)

Mr. C. M. Atkins, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 5.		
Confirmed, 2.		
Communicants—Last reported, 20; admitted, 2; received, 2; total added, 4; died, 1; removed, 1; suspended or dropped, 1; total lost, 3; present number, male, 7; female, 14; total,		21
Marriages, 2; burials, 3.		
Public Services—Sundays, 101; week days, 61; total,		162
Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 1.		
Congregation—Families, 14.		
Catechising—Number of times, 45.		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 5; total,		6
Pupils, male, 11, female, 50; total,		61
Average attendance.		42

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 5 78	
For the Sunday School	5 00	
Organist,	52 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	280 20	
Individual Present to Clergyman,	30 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School,	19 43	
Total for Parochial Objects,		392 40

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$10 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	1 65	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$11 65

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$1 65	
Foreign Missions,	1 44	
Nashotah Theological School,	70	
By the Sunday School for Churchman's Cot, S. Luke's Hospital, Chicago,	3 44	
By the Sunday School for Nashotah,	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		8 23
Total of Offerings,		$412 28

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $75.08; the Envelope System and subscriptions, $282.20; Individual Gifts, $30.00; Women's Association, $35.00.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $700; Other Property, $200; Total, $900.

In addition to the services mentioned above, I have held service once at each of the following places: Bellevue, Carlisle and Grand Ledge.

(Bishop's Address, pages 64, 72.)

S. Mark's Church, Coldwater, Branch County. (1848.)

The Rev. HERBERT J. COOK, Rector. (1875.)

Devereaux S. Harrington and Noah P. Loveridge, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 15; Adults, 10; Total, 25. Confirmed, 5.

Communicants—Last reported, 131; admitted, 5; received, 14; total added, 19; Died, 3; removed, 8; total lost, 11; present number, male, 29; female, 110. Total, 139

Marriages, 7; burials, 12.

Public Services—Sundays, 95; week days, 120. Total, - 215
Holy Communion—Public, 25; private, 3.
Congregation—Families, 100; adults, 210; children, 112. Total, 322
Catechising—Number of times, 25.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 6; female, 11.
Total, - - - - - - 17
Pupils, male, 83; female, 40. Total, - - 73
Average attendance, - - - - 45
Parish Library—Number of volumes, - - - - 500

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 55 87	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,463 78	
The increase and improvement of Church property, addition to Chapel, individual gift, - - -	100 00	
Ladies' Aid Society, for new organ, - -	650 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, (except organ,)		$1,619 65

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	60 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	28 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc., - - -	18 50	
L. R. S. Individual, for Itinerant Missionary, -	5 00	
By the Sunday School for Diocesan Missions, -	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		$121 50

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - - -	$15 32	
Foreign Missions, - - - - - -	12 04	
Home Missions for Colored People, - - -	9 45	
Indian Missions, - - - - - -	12 10	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, - -	6 50	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, -	4 58	
By the Sunday School, Lenten Savings for Domestic Missions, - - - - - - -	23 84	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -		83 83
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$2,474 98

Value of Church property—Chapel and site and furniture, including organ, $4,500.

(Bishop's Address, pages 69, 71.)

Epiphany Mission, Coopersville, Ottawa County. (1877.)

The Rev. Moseley Morris, Missionary. (1874.)

H. C. Durphy, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 1; total, 3.
Confirmed, 1.

Communicants—Last reported, 18; admitted, 1; died, 1; removed, 2; total lost, 3; present number, males, 3; females, 13; total, - - 16
Marriages, 1; burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 40; week days, 1; total, - - 41
Holy Communion—Public, 6; private, 1.
Congregation—Families, 14; adults, 18; children, 20; total. 38
Catechising—Number of times,20.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 5; total, 5
Pupils, male, 6; female, 20; total, - 26
Average attendance, - - - 15

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$ 48 38	
Church building-lot paid for, - - -	100 00	
For building Church, from a friend of the Mission,	100 00	
Rent of Hall, - - - - - - -	36 00	
By the Sunday School, for Books and Papers, -	8 80	
Easter texts, - - - - - - -	2 50	
Total for Parochial Objects, -		$295 68

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	$8 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c. - -	70	
Total for Diocesan Objects, -		$8 70

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	$5 21	
Home Missions for Colored People, - -	36	
Indian Missions, - - - - - -	53	
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions, -	3 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		9 10
Total of offerings, - -		$313 48

(Bishop's Address, page 72.)

S. Matthias' Mission, Eaton Rapids, Eaton County. (1876.)

The Rev. JOHN L. TAYLOR, Missionary. (1874.)

R. S. Fuller, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 14; removed, 5; present number, male, 1; female, 8. Total, - - 9
Public Services—Sundays, 49; week days, 6. Total, - 55
Holy Communion—Public, 6.
Congregation—Families, 8; adults and children, - - 22
Catechising—Number of times, - - - - 6

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$168 89	
By the Sunday School, for salary,	21 00	
Sunday School, for Sunday School.	3 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$192 89

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		1 00
Total of Offerings,		$193 89

Value of Church property—The Church, $1,700; other property, $200; total, $1,000.

(Bishop's Address, pages 64, 72.)

S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, Antrim County. (1871.)

The Rev. Albert C. Lewis, Rector. (1869.)

James Cullyford, Edwin S. Noble, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 7; adults, 1; total,	8
Communicants—Last reported, 42; died, 1; removed, 2; suspended or dropped, 2; total lost, 5; present number, male, 10; female, 27; total,	37
Marriages, 2; burials, 12.	
Public Services—Sundays, 88; week days, 21; total,	109
Holy Communion—Public, 13.	
Congregation—Families, 34; adults, 85; children, 66; total,	151
Catechising—Number of times, 12.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 4; total,	5
Pupils, male, 20; female, 20; total,	40
Average Attendance,	320

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 13 43	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	600 00	
Ladies' Guild,	29 95	
Young Ladies' Society,	84 00	
By the Sunday School, for Papers,	13 43	
Total for Parochial Objects,		740 81

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE

Missions,	$42 00	
nt of the Convention,	15 75	
Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	10 74	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		68 49

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Missions,	$5 00	
lissions.	1 00	
ssions for Colored people,	1 00	
issions.	1 00	
or the Increase of the Ministry,	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		9 00
Total of Offerings,		$818 30

26th, 1877, held service, preached twice, and gave Com-
it Traverse City. Also, April 7th, 1878, assisted in service,
twice, and gave Communion.

S. John's Mission, Evart, Osceola County. (1876.)

The Rev. WILLIAM MATTHIAS, Missionary. (1876.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

—Infants, 3; adults, 2; total, 5. Confirmed, 3.	
icants—Last reported, 14; admitted, 3; received, 2; total added, 5; died, 1; removed, 1; total lost, 2; present number, male, 5; female, 12. Total,	17
s, 8; burials, 1.	
rvices—Sundays, 50; week days, 9. Total,	59
mmunion—Public, 4.	
tion—Families, 10; adults, 24; children, 9. Total,	33
ng—Number of times, 2.	
chool—Pastor's Adult Bible Class, 8.	
brary—Number of Volumes, 25.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

asing furniture of rented Chapel, etc.,	$ 17 64	
es and other expenses of Parish maintenance,	161 13	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$178 77

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Missions,	88	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		88

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Foreign Missions,	79	
Home Missions for colored people,	83	
Indian Missions,	43	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		2 05
Total Offerings,		$181 70

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, $22.32; subscriptions, $122.80; individual gifts, $2.50; Women's Associations, $34.08; total, $181.70.

Value of Church Property, $50.

The Missionary further reports that having received during the year, $5 from Mrs. A. J. Clark, of Niles, Mich., to use *just as he thought best*, he has devoted $3 of that amount to this Mission, which is still in reserve.

(Bishop's Address, page 71.)

Trinity Mission, Farwell, Clare County. (1877.)

The Rev. William Matthias, Missionary. (1876.)

Emmet T. Holcomb, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 1; adults, 4; total,	5
Confirmed, 5.	
Communicants—Last reported, 8; admitted 5; suspended or dropped, 1; present number, male, 2; female, 10; total,	12
Burials, 1.	
Public Services—Sundays, 41; week days, 1; total,	42
Holy Communion—Public, 4.	
Congregation—Families, 9; adults, 18; children, 9; total,	27
Catechising—Number of times, 3. Taught Bible Class frequently.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 3; total,	6
Pupils, male, 10; female, 16; total,	26
Average attendance,	25
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, 50.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

For the Sunday School,	$ 18 00	
Salaries,	125 00	
For furnishing rented Chapel,	60 86	
Total for Parochial Objects,		203 86

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	70	
Total for Diocesan Objects, -		70

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Foreign Missions, - - - - - -	$ 89	
Home Missions for Colored People, - - -	1 60	
Indian Missions, - - - - - -	1 07	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		3 56
Total of Offerings, - - .		$208 12

The sources of the contributions reported above are—Women's Associations, $75.15; the whole amount from the Sunday School, $21.33; Busy Workers, $40.16.

Besides the above report, the Missionary has received and paid over to the Mission altogether $7.00, from the following sources: Bishop Gillespie, $2.00; Mr. L. H. Beeson, of Niles, $1.00; of the $5.00 Mrs. A. J. Clark, of Niles, sent the Missionary, $2.00 was devoted by him to this Mission, (the balance being devoted by him to the Mission at Evart;) the Missionary, Rev. William Matthias, $1.00; and Mr. Castiline, Attorney at Law, $1.00; total, $7.00. These sums mostly were given towards compensating the loss which this Mission suffered during the year by fire, destroying an organ, Sunday School books, etc.

[Bishop's Address, page, 71.]

S. John's Church, Grand Haven, Ottawa County. (1866.)

Vacant.

No Report.

(Bishop's Address, page 66.)

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1874.)

The Rev. SIDNEY BECKWITH, Minister in Charge. (1877.)

William Coxe, Edward Fletcher, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 3; total, 5. Confirmed, 6.	
Communicants—Last reported, 41; present number, - -	41
Public Services—Sundays, 52; week days, 48; total, - -	100
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 13; total, - - - - - - -	16
Pupils, male, 89; female, 103; total, -	192
Average attendance, - - - - - -	110

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 7 00
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	262 12
By the Sunday School, for the Sunday School,	67 84
Total for Parochial Objects,	$

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$10 00
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	2 19
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	10 10
By the Sunday School, for General Missionary,	10 10
Total for Diocesan Objects,	

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

By the Sunday School for Domestic Missions,	$4 53
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions,	2 00
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	
Total of Offerings,	$3

(Bishop's Address, pages 68, 72.)

Grace Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1875.)

The Rev. WILLIAM H. KNOWLTON, Rector. (1875.)

T. I. Tanner, Jr., A. B. Coffinberry, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 7. Confirmed, 1.

Communicants—Last reported, 79; admitted, 1; received, 12; total added, 13; removed, 4; suspended or dropped, 1; total lost, 5; present number, male, 30; female, 57. Total,

Marriages, 5; burials, 8.

Public Services—Sundays, 120; week days, 167. Total,

Holy Communion—Public, 30; private, 2.

Catechising—Number of times, 10.

Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 6; female, 8; total,

Pupils, male, 60; female, 40. Total,

Average attendance,

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$ 750 00
The increase and improvement of Church property,	6,500 00
By the Sunday School, for current expenses,	25 00
By the Sunday School, Memorial Window,	20 00
By the Sunday School, other purposes,	20 00
Total for Parochial Objects,	$7,3

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$25 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	17 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	4 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		46 50

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Home Missions for colored people,	$2 75	
Indian Missions,	2 75	
Societies for the conversion of the Jews,	2 00	
Missionary Bishops' work,	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		8 50
Total of Offerings,		$7,370 00

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, $870; Individual gifts, $6,500.

Value of Church property—The Chapel and ground, $8,000; other property, $3,000; debt, $3,500. Total, clear, $7,500.

The Rector holds a service and preaches every other Lord's day in Seymour school house, Paris township.

(Bishop's Address, pages 65, 67.)

S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1836.)

The Rev. Geo. D. E. Mortimer, Rector. (1877.)

Alonzo Platt, M. D., Henry W. Hinsdale, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 19; adults, 10; total, 29. Confirmed, 18.	
Communicants—Last reported, 575; admitted, 18; received, 9; total added, 27; died, 5; removed, 1; total lost, 6; present number, total,	596
Marriages, 5; burials, 26.	
Public Services—Sundays, 125; week days, 154; total,	279
Holy Communion—Public, 44; private, 9.	
Catechising—Parish and Mission Sunday Schools—Number of times, 72.	
For our two Sunday Schools—Teachers and officers, total,	36
Pupils, total,	315
Average attendance,	215

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 227 53	
For the Sunday School,	18 38	
S. Mark's Home and Hospital, (offertory,)	303 84	
Interest on Church debt.	2,530 70	
Liquidation of Church debt,	2,500 00	
Rector's fund,	12 77	
Salaries,	4,193 33	
The repairs of Church property,	530 47	
Insurance,	234 50	
All other expenses,	671 97	
By the Mission Sunday School for Church debt,	12 00	
By the Parish Sunday School, for Church debt,	17 00	
By Mission Sunday School, for its own maintenance,	25 93	
By Parish Sunday School, for its own maintenance,	72 97	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$11,35

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$692 54	
Assessment of the Convention,	140 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	56 48	
By the Parish Sunday School, for Church at Elk Rapids,	20 51	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$90

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$20 38	
Foreign Missions—Offertory, $32·24; Individual gift, $30,	62 24	
Home Missions for Colored People,	18 35	
Indian Missions,	13 68	
By the Women's Auxiliary—To Domestic Missions, $21.81; to Indian Missions, $13.47; to Foreign Missions, $15.89; to Freedmen's Missions, $9.53,	60 70	
Societies for the conversion of the Jews,	10 63	
By the Industrial Band—Freedmen's Missions, $5; Indian Missions, $5; Foreign Missions, $10,	20 00	
By the Mission Sunday School, for Bishop Penick's work in Africa,	7 00	
By Parish Sunday School, for Domestic Missions,	12 78	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		23
Total of Offerings,		$12,49

Value of Church property—The Church and Chapel, $75,000; tory, $10,000; other property, $10,000; total, $95,000.

The Rector has held services in Paris and Casnovia.

(Bishop's Address, pages 64, 71, 72.)

S. Pauls's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1871.)

The Rev. SIDNEY BECKWITH, Rector. (1870.)

John Baldwin Folger, Wm. Frederick Walker, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 9; adults, 2. Total, - - -	11
Confirmed, 3.	
Communicants—Last reported, 86; admitted, 3; received, 3; total added, 6; died, 1; removed, 4; total lost, 5. Total, - - - -	87
Marriages, 10; burials, 11.	
Public Services—Sundays, 104; week days, 51; total, - -	155
Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 3.	
Congregation—Families, 71; adults, 203; children, 125; total,	328
Catechising—Frequently.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 8; total	12
Pupils, male, 32; female, 60; total, - -	92

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 12 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance	740 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School purposes,	60 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$812 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	$25 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - - -	22 05	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c. - - - -	8 80	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions, -	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		65 85
Total of offerings, - -		$877 85

(Bishop's Address, pages 69, 72.)

Mission to the Swedes in Grand Rapids. Kent County.

The Rev. P. A. ALMQUIST, Missionary. (1878.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, - - - - - - -	2
Communicants—Present number, male, 8; female, 11. Total,	19
Marriages, 2; burials, 1.	
Public Services—Sundays, 10; week days, 1; total, - -	11
Holy Communion—Public, 1.	
Congregation—Families, 12; adults, 38; children, 14; total, -	52

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 2 59	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	37 50	
Total for Parochial Objects,		40 09

The Services have been held in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, and the stated times are the first Sundays of the month.

S. Paul's Church, Greenville, Montcalm County, (1872.)

Vacant.

"Very few moneys have been collected in the Parish since Mr. Brittain left. The Sunday School meets every Sundaay. Children, 28. Officers, 6. Money contributed for Library, papers, etc., $35.79. We are making an effort to secure a lot, which I think we will have no difficulty in paying for."—Extract from private letter.

(Bishop's Address, page 69.)

Emmanuel Church, Hastings, Barry County. (1863.)

The Rev. JOSEPH WEBB BANCROFT, Rector. (1865.)

Henry A. Goodyear, David G. Robinson, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 8; adults, 12; total,	20
Confirmed, 17.	
Communicants—Last reported, 74; admitted 14; received, 4; total added, 18; died, 1; removed, 6; suspended or dropped, 3; total lost, 10; present number, male, 13; female, 69; total,	82
Marriages, 7; burials, 14.	
Public Services—Sundays, 97; week days, 78; total,	175
Holy Communion—Public, 17; private, 1.	
Congregation—Families, 42; adults, 98; children, 54; total,	152
Catechising—Every Sunday.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 11; total	13
Pupils, male, 44; female, 56; total,	100
Average attendance,	69

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 26 75	
For the Sunday School	51 44	
Rector's Salary,	820 73	
Sexton's Salary,	76 75	
Other expenses of Parish maintenance,	69 27	
For Local Charities—		
By Women's Missionary Association,	24 48	
By Girls' Industrial Band,	1 75	
By the Sunday School, for current expenses,	34 66	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1105 83

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$ 60 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	22 38	
To aid Candidates for Orders,	16 44	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	8 24	
In aid of a Missionary and a Candidate for Orders—		
By Women's Missionary Association,	36 52	
By Girls' Industrial Band,	1 28	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	5 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		150 36

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 6 50	
Foreign Missions,	10 96	
Home Missions for Colored People,	9 94	
Indian Missions,	6 48	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	13 56	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	4 45	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		51 89
Total of Offerings,		$1,308 08

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $183.56; the Envelope System, $820.73; Women's Association, $263,-63; total, $1,308.08; the whole amount from the Sunday School, $40.16.

(Bishop's Address, pages 62, 68, 72.)

Grace Mission, Hersey, Osceola County. (1876.)

The Rev. WILLIAM MATTHIAS, Missionary. (1876.)

Gen. M. B. Houghton, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 9; received, 3; died, 1; removed, 5; total lost, 6; present number, female, 6.

Burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 12.
Holy Communion—Public, 1.
Congregation—Families, 5; adults, 8; children, 5; total, - 13

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries, - - - - - - - -	$48 47	
Total for Parochial Objects, -		$48 47

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Home Missions for Colored People, - - -	.46	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -		.46
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$48 93

Having held Services at Hersey a part of the year, they were necessarily discontinued on account of the removal of so many families.

Grace Church, Holland, Ottawa County. (1868.)

The Rev. J. Rice Taylor, Rector. (1868.)

John Roost, Henry C. Matrau, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 1.
Communicants—Last reported, 27; present number, male, 4; female, 23; total, - - - - - 27
Marriages, 3.
Congregation—Families, 20; adults, 35; children, 36; total. - 71
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 4; total 6
Pupils, male, 23; female, 26; total, - 49
Average attendance, - - - - 33
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, 100.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

For the Sunday School, - - - -	$ 10 00	
For salaries and other expenses of Parish maintenance,	161 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, -		$171 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$7 06	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	4 29	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc., - - -	1 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		12 35

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Home Missions for Colored people, - - -	2 00	
By the Sunday School, for Foreign Missions, -	5 65	
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions, - -	2 50	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -		10 15
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$193 50

Value of Church Property—The Church, $5,000.00; Other Property, $50; Total, $5,050.00.

Have been absent East since the first of February, and have assisted in Services and held Services, and preached on the average twice every Sunday, besides doing other Ministerial work, chiefly in New York, on temporary engagements. Mr. Henry C. Matrau has conducted Lay reading on Sunday mornings and acted as Superintendent of the Sunday School. On two Sundays the Parish has enjoyed the Services of the Rev. Dr. Foster, from Grand Rapids. Let the people thank God and take courage.

(Bishop's Address, page 64.)

Christ Church, Homer, Calhoun County. (1840.)

The Rev. L. H. Corson, Officiating.

J. N. Wescott, Cyrus Smith, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 1.	
Communicants—Last reported, 25; total added, 4; removed, 3; present number, male, 10; female, 16; total, - - - - - - - -	26
Marriages, 2.	
Public Services—Sundays, 45; week days, 1; total, -	46
Holy Communion—Public, 10.	
Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 27; children, 9; total, -	36

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$148 67	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$148 67

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	$2 50	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	2 87	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - - -	2 37	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - -		7 74
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$156 41

Value of Church Property—The Church, $3,500.

(Bishop's Address, page 67.)

S. John's Church, Ionia, Ionia County.

The Rev. William Brittain, Minister in Charge.

Joseph Linsley, John Young, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 7; adults, 2; total, 9. Confirmed, 5.
Communicants—Last reported, 30; admitted, 8; removed, 1.
total, - - - - - - - 37
Marriages, 6.
Public Services—Sundays, 104; week days, 112; total. - 216
Holy Communion—Public, 12.
Catechising—Number of times, 12.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 8; total. 10
Pupils, male, 20; female, 30; total, - - 50
Average Attendance, - - - 40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

For the Sunday School, - - - -	$ 54 11	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - - -	571 24	
Total for Parochial Objects, - - -		$625 35

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	4 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	3 81	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - -		7 81

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	$2 00	
Foreign Missions, - - - - -	2 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		4 00
Total of Offerings, - - -		$637 16

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Women's Associations, $53.00; the whole amount from the Sunday School, $54.11.

Value of Church property—The Church, $2,000.00.

I held Services three times in Trinity Church, Saranac, with the view of establishing regular Services, but I did not find adequate co-operation.

(Bishop's Address, pages 64, 67.)

S. John's Church, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County. (1860.)

The Rev. CHARLES T. STOUT, Rector. (1878.)

John McKee, Joseph Lomax, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 4; total, 7.	
Confirmed, 3.	
Communicants—Last reported, 88; present number, male, 22; female, 66; total,	88
Public Services—Sundays, 14; week days, 13; total,	27
Holy Communion—Public, 3.	
Congregation—Families, 55.	
Catechising—Number of times, 4.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 9; total	13
Pupils, male, 29; female, 43; total,	72
Average attendance,	56

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 64 02	
For the Sunday School Library by a lady of the Parish,	20 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	969 94	
Interest on mortgage note (Parsonage) paid by Ladies' Guild,	250 00	
Relief of Poor,	3 62	
By the Sunday School,	53 59	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1,361 17

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$25 75	
Assessment of the Convention,	15 86	
Candidate for Orders,	4 11	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		55 72

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Home Missions for colored people,	5 00	
Indian Missions,	3 13	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	4 12	
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	8 41	
Box to Missionary by Ladies' Guild,	15 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		35 66
Total of Offerings,		$1,452 55

Value of Church Property—The Church, $12,000; Rectory, $3,000; total, $15,000.

The present Rector took charge of the Parish Palm Sunday, April 14, 1878. The record of the Sunday School (except of about half of the offerings) dates from Easter. Two of the baptisms only were under the present charge. Other statistics include the year.

(Bishop's Address, Pages 66, 70.)

S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County. (1838.)

The Rev. JAMES F. CONOVER, Rector. (1872.)

Theodore P. Sheldon, Henry Brees, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 8; adults, 5; total, 13.		
Confirmed, 12.		
Communicants—Last reported, 189; admitted, 12; received, 7; total added, 19; removed, 24; suspended or dropped, 6; total lost, 30; present number, male, 37; female, 141; total,		178
Marriages, 8; burials, 13.		
Public Services—Sundays, 154; week days, 158; total,		312
Holy Communion—Public, 21; private, 4.		
Congregation—Families, 95; adults, 244; children, 105; total,		349
Catechising—Number of times, 24.		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 8; total,		11
Pupils, male, 26; female, 43; total,		69
Average attendance,		45

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported),	$ 126 55	
For the Sunday School,	43 07	
S. Barnabas' Chapel work,	180 23	
Reading Room,	94 39	
Easter Decorations,	14 25	
For Sick and Poor,	41 50	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	2,597 90	
By the Sunday School, for the Mission work of S. Barnabas' Chapel, etc., $68.37.		
Total for Parochial Objects,		$3,097 89

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$350 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	62 21	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	14 84	
Church Building, Rectories, &c.,	111 00	
Theological Students,	14 17	
By the Sunday School, for a Sunday School in the Diocese, $5.		
Total for Diocesan Objects,		5

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$134 76	
Foreign Missions,	61 74	
Home Missions for Colored People,	16 10	
Theological Education,	12 26	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	5 34	
Missionary Bishops' work ($55 included in Domestic and Foreign Missions).		
S. Michael's Church, Anaheim, Cal., for bell,	10 00	
S. John's, N. B., sufferers by fire,	31 64	
By the Sunday School, for the above objects, $63.		
The ladies of the Parish have contributed $256.91 of the Total Offerings.		
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		27 1
Total of Offerings,		$3,921

ıe of Church Property—The Church, $10,000; Chapel, $1,500; y, $5,000; other property, $500; total, $17,000.

ing the latter part of the year the Rector has taught in the hour ding the morning service a class of 20, mainly adults, in Church ', which he has found very useful as a means of solid Church tion. The work at S. Barnabas' Chapel is encouraging. A y School and Church Service have been held every Sunday. ırolled attendance of the Sunday School is 90, and the average ance 46. During Lent, a week day service was held every Tues- ening. The mother's meeting has been kept up with an average ance of 12. The enrolled attendance of the Sewing School is l the average attendance 15. In the seven months from Septem- May, during which it is held, the children completed 24 garments artly completed 17 others. During the year 8 persons who the Chapel service have been confirmed. The first Confirma- the Chapel took place January 27, 1878. The majority of those ned, until the Chapel was built, had not been accustomed to religious worship anywhere. The baptisms have been 9, 5 of were of adults. There have been 3 burials from the Chapel. fferings of the Sunday School since Advent have been $18.14, sent to Foreign Missions. Since last year the Chapel grounds been enclosed by a neat fence, a 150-pound bell has been placed tower, and the lot planted with trees and shrubbery. During inter a course of dime lectures and penny readings, with music, to the interest and profit of the Chapel work.

(Bishop's Address, pages 69, 71.)

Grace Church, Ludington, Mason County. (1873.)

The Rev. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Rector. (1873.)

John W. Loomis, William H. Williams, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

ized—Infants, 15; adults, 5. Total,	- - -	20
med, 8.		
unicants—Last reported, 33; admitted, 7; received, 2; total added, 9; removed, 7; present number, male, 11; female, 24. Total,	- -	35
ages, 6; burials, 3.		
e Services—Sundays, 113; week days, 49; total,	- -	162
Communion—Public, 13.		
egation—Families, 25; adults, 68; children, 51; total,		119
hising—A few moments three Sundays in the month.		
y School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 6; total		7
Pupils, male, 27; female, 28; total,	- -	55
Average attendance,	- - - -	40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 9 98
Salary,	200 25
Sexton and incidentals,	50 05
Repairs on Church and building fence,	65 00
Ladies' Auxiliary Society, on back salary	137 10
By the Sunday School, for Papers,	10 80
By the Sunday School, for Leaflets,	3 00
By the Sunday School, for Singing Books,	1 80
Total for Parochial Objects,	$4

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$10 00
Assessment of the Convention,	4 32
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.	2 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$2 81
Foreign Missions,	1 00
Home Missions for Colored People,	95
Indian Missions,	1 05
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,	
Total of Offerings,	$5

Value of Church property—The Church, $2,000; Organ, bel other fixtures, $500; Rectory, $1,000; total, $3,500.

I have held twenty-four services at the County House, and eig Baldwin, which are included in the number of services given a Twelve services by lay-reader are also included as given above. communicants at Baldwin are included in the number given i report.

(Bishop's Address, page 64.)

S. Paul's Mission, Manistee, Manistee County. (1876.)

No Report.

(Bishop's Address, page 64.)

Trinity Church, Marshall, Calhoun County. (1836.)

The Rev. H. B. WHITTEMORE, Rector. (1874.)

J. H. Montgomery, C. P. Dibble, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 15; adults, 6; total,

Confirmed, 15.

Communicants—Last reported, 183; admitted 17; received, 2; total added, 19; removed, 5; suspended or dropped, 3; total lost, 8; present number, male, 55; female, 139; total,

es, 2; burials, 6.
ervices—Sundays, 98; week days, 89; total, - - 187
mmunion—Public, 24; private, 10.
ation—Families, 115; adults, 250; children, 125; total, 375
ing—Number of times, 12.
School—Teachers and officers, male, 5; female, 12; total 17
Pupils, male, 46; female, 74; total, - - 120
Average attendance, - - - 75

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 23 03	
Sunday School, - - - - -	43 56	
r by Ladies' Society, - - - -	36 75	
r, by Young Ladies' Branch Society, -	15 00	
s of Missionary Service by Ladies' Society,	3 50	
Altar Linen and Surplices by Ladies' "	2 75	
nd all other expenses of Parish maintenance	1,724 88	
ease and improvement of Church property,	12 25	
s decoration, - - - - - -	17 94	
in Parsonage Fund from Legacy of Jas. end, - - - - - - - -	128 57	
in Fund for improvement of Chancel by Ladies' Branch Society, - - -	20 00	
nd Repairs Fund by Ladies' Society, -	20 00	
al offering for same, - - - -	1 25	
for Easter and paid Sexton by Ladies' Soc'y	6 00	
by Young Ladies' Branch Society, - -	58 83	
unday School, for its expenses, -	21 19	
Total for Parochial Objects, - - -		$2,135 50

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Missions, - - - - - -	$125 00	
nt of the Convention, - - -	38 47	
l Infirm Clergymen, etc., - - -	13 51	
unday School, for Diocesan Missions, -	15 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - -		191 98

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Missions, - - - - - -	$11 29	
Missions, - - - - - -	10 83	
lissions, - - - - - - -	7 29	
for the Conversion of the Jews, - -	3 00	
Saints' Hall, Liberia, - - - - -	10 19	
Missions, by Ladies' Society, - -	1 18	
e Missions, by Ladies' Society, - -	1 18	
unday School, for Foreign Missions, -	1 28	
unday School, for Domestic Missions, -	1 29	
unday School, for Nashotah, - -	10 00	
unday School, for All Saints' Hall, Liberia,	2 38	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -		59 91
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$2,387 39

Value of Church Property—The Church, $20,000; Rectory Fund, $1,274,53; other property, $100; total, $21,374.53.

(Bishop's Address, pages 67, 71, 72.)

S. Paul's Church, Mendon, St. Joseph County. (1867.)

Vacant.

Reported by D. K. VanNess, Warden.

We never had to attend to filling up a Parochial report, and have no data or amounts to aid in the matter. Rev. Mr. Bishop received all offerings when officiating. Offerings of $4.59 for Domestic Missions, and $2.72 for Foreign Missions, were sent to Mr. Sheldon. From the Sunday School, about $20 expended for books and papers; $225 and interest to pay balance due Rev. Mr. Ferguson on salary, together with about $50 paid on other liabilities would make up the amount collected in the Parish aside from what Rev. Mr. Bishop has received.

From the Rev. A. E. Bishop, late Rector of S. Paul's Church, Mendon: "I have no memoranda at present of the receipts at Mendon last year. I do not think they exceeded twelve dollars, as the offertory was oftener less than a dollar than more."

(Bishop's Address, pages 65, 70.)

S. John's Mission, Mount Pleasant, Isabella County. (1876.)

Vacant.

Reported by J. Rufus Smith, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 16; died, 1; removed, 2; total lost, 3; present number, male, 6; female, 7. Total, - - - - - - -	13
Public Services—Sundays, 39.	
Congregation—Families, 9; adults, 21; children, 22; total, -	43
Holy Communion—Public, 2.	

Had no Sunday School for want of books.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

For balance on organ, $58; Visiting Clergymen, $32; total, $90

Value of Church property—Lot, $200; organ, $200; total, $400.

Mission is out of debt.

Rev. Mr. Stevens officiating one Sunday. Funeral of Mrs. Smith, A. M., communion, P. M., and services again in the evening.

Rev. Mr. Reeves, two Sundays, morning and evening, and Holy Communion, P. M., one Sunday. In the death of Mrs. Smith, the Mission lost one of its sincerest and most devoted friends.

We are suffering incomparably for the want of a Missionary, and a parsonage where we might hold services for a time; and we cannot make any progress until we have them.

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S. Pauls's Church, Muskegon, Muskegon County. (1867.)

The Rev. SIDNEY H. WOODFORD, Rector. (1876.)

J. B. Murphy, Albert Waldron, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 13; adults, 7; total, 20. Confirmed, 11.		
Communicants—Last reported, 59; admitted, 12; received, 4; total added, 16; died, 1; removed, 4; suspended or dropped, 5; total lost, 10; present number, total,		65
Marriages, 4; burials, 4.		
Public Services—Sundays, 99; week days, 65; total,		164
Holy Communion—Public, 21; private, 1.		
Congregation—Families, 54.		
Catechising—Number of times, 52.		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 10; total,		13
Pupils, male, 34; female, 45. Total,		79
Average attendance,		60

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 53 46	
For the Sunday School,	14 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,307 16	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School,	28 50	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1,403 12

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$33 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	17 20	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	2 15	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		52 35
Total of Offerings,		$1,455 47

[Bishop's Address, page, 69.]

S. Mark's Mission, Newaygo, Newaygo County. (1876.)

The Rev. MOSELEY MORRIS, Missionary. (1875.)

E. S. Bennett, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 5. Confirmed, 2.

Communicants—Last reported, 15; admitted, 2; received, 1; total added, 3; removed, 3; present number, male, 3; female, 12; total, - - -

Marriages, 1.

Public Services—Sundays, 40; week days, 3; total, - -

Holy Communion—Public, 4.

Congregation—Families, 18; adults, 21; children, 40; total. -

Catechising—Number of times, 21.

Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 6; total, - - - - - -
Pupils, male, 20; female, 23; total, - -
Average attendance, - - - -

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$200 00
Rent of Hall, - - - - - - -	50 00
Chairs, - - - - - - -	32 00
By the Sunday School, for books and papers, -	20 00
Total for Parochial Objects, - -	$3

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$15 00
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	1 72
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -	

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	$ 1 50
Foreign Missions, - - - - -	1 00
Home Missions for Colored People, - - -	1 35
Indian Missions, - - - - - -	1 50
Nashotah Theological School, thank offering for two beloved children, - - - - -	10 00
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions, -	2 00
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -	
Total of Offerings, - - - -	$3

Number of visits to Poor House, 6.

(Bishop's Address, page 68.)

Trinity Church, Niles, Berrien County. (1834.)

The Rev. R. McMURDY, D. D., LL. D., Rector. (1876.)

Rufus Wharton Landon, David Oliphant Woodruff, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 25; adults, 45; total, 70. Confirmed, 51.	
Communicants—Last reported, 471; admitted and received, 60; died, 7; removed, 65; suspended or dropped, 6; total lost, 78; present number,	453
Marriages, 4; burials, 12.	
Public Services—Sundays, 120; week days, 142; total,	262
Holy Communion—Public, 24; private, 10.	
Congregation—Families, 300; adults, 800; children, 200; total,	1,000
Catechising—Number of times, 12.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 5; female, 23; total,	28
Pupils, male, 70; female, 110; total,	180
Average attendance,	130

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 70 00	
For salaries and other expenses of Parish maintenance and miscellaneous,	3,700 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$3,770 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Missions,	$125 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	49 50	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	10 00	
By the Sunday School, for literature,	125 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		309 50

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, through the Board of Missions, and to individual Missionaries direct,	$95 00	
Foreign Missions, and to Special Missions,	42 00	
Deaf Mute Mission,	6 70	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		143 70
Total of Offerings,		$4,223 20

Value of Church property—The Church, $20,000; Rectory, $1,700; total, $21,700.

(Bishop's Address, page 71.)

S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw, Van Buren County. (1851.)

The Rev. GEORGE P. SCHETKY, D. D., Rector and Missionary. (1

Daniel C. Coleman, John K. Pugsley, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 1; total, 3. Confirmed, 6.
Communicants—Last reported, 43; admitted, 11; received, 8; total added, 19; died, 3; removed, 9; total lost, 12; present number, male, 9; female, 41. Total,
Burials, 6.
Public Services—Sundays, 84; Holy days, 21; week days, 45; total,
Holy Communion—Public, (6 by Rev. D. Barker,) 19; Cottage services, 10.
Congregation—Families, 47; adults, 122; children, 50; total,
Catechising—Since December 15, weekly.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 7; total,
Pupils, male, 19; female, 30; adult Bible class, 7; total,
Average attendance,
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, 160.
Bible readings during Lent, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$345 79	
The increase and improvement of Church property, furnace,	31 00	
Vestry-room carpet,	2 17	
Beginning of Rectory Fund,	2 05	
S. Mark's Literary Union, for balance on Church carpet,	73 11	
S. Mark's Literary Union, for balance on Church stove,	9 98	
By Sunday School, for furnace,	17 00	
By Sunday School, for insurance,	12 67	
By Sunday School, for leaflets and papers,	5 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		49

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	2 15	
Assessment of the Convention,	8 81	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	2 00	
Education of Candidate for Orders,	1 25	
By the Sunday School, for S. Mark's Hospital,	1 25	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		1

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Foreign Missions,	$2	28
Home Missions for Colored People,	1	00
Indian Missions,	1	06
Societies for the conversion of the Jews,	1	21
Contributions for other objects were made, but no record of the amounts can be found.		
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions,	7	15
By the Sunday School, for Church at Brownville, Neb.,	1	07
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		13 77
Total of Offerings,		$528 00

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, $93.64; pew rents, $281.20; subscriptions, $25.93; Women's Associations, $83.09; total, $476.19. The whole amount from the Sunday School $44.14;—$520.33.

Value of Church property—The Church, $3,000; other property, $485; total, $3,485.

I entered upon my duties as Rector of this Parish and Missionary in VanBuren County, Dec. 15, 1877. My report of Missionary duty and services outside the Parish is made separately. The Parochial report can only be made, with any approach to correctness, from the time I took charge. During the previous half year the feeble condition of my venerable predecessor rendered him unable to officiate with regularity, but the services were sustained by lay-reading. This people merit high commendation for the very great consideration and reverent respect they have manifested towards their aged pastor. In the absence of any parish register there were no records of ministerial acts and other particulars; but I have learned that he baptized an adult, and officiated at three burials. These are included in the foregoing report. A full report, for the same reason, cannot be made of the offerings and other contributions. A parish register has been procured since I came here, in which are recorded all acts, etc., from the organization of the parish in 1851, as far as information could be obtained, from a few memoranda kept by the late rector, and reminiscences of the older members of the parish, and by correspondence. The attendance upon the services and Sunday School is steadily increasing. The children, as a fruit of self-denial, have presented a very neat font to the Church, and are now contributing to a fund for the purchase of Chancel chairs. It is likewise through their efforts that the Church is mainly indebted for the excellent furnace built in the basement during the past winter. The ladies of S. Mark's Literary Union have liquidated a debt upon the carpet and stove, and are now energetically providing for cushions for the seats. During the past year the ladies

of the parish sent a box of clothing, (value, $35,) to a Diocesan Missionary. Very recently, a much needed want of a plan for systematic work, was met by the organization of "The Ladies' Missionary and Church Aid Society," having, as its two-fold object, an interest in the Missionary work of the Church—Diocesan and general—and in Parochial work, thereby we hope, enlisting the active sympathies and energies of *all* the Christian women in the parish. The condition of the Parish is one of encouragement and promise.

We have received a gift of a handsome Communion set from the children of S. Andrew's Church, Harlaem, New York, through the kind interest of their Rector, the Rev. Samuel Earp.

The "Cottage Services," mentioned in the foregoing report, are brief liturgical services with expositions of Holy Scripture, held in the rural districts on the outskirts of the parish, and are always well attended. There is good reason to believe that they will be productive of benefit, in attracting many, who have hitherto been greatly prejudiced against the Church, to the services in the Parish Church on Sunday.

The "Bible Readings during Lent," were held on Saturday afternoons, at private houses, and were of the order of a Bible class, with special instructions upon the season and the duties of the Christian life. They were generally well attended.

Prior to my transfer to this Diocese, I was engaged in the month of October at S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, during the absence of the Rector. My duties were as follows: Officiated in Divine service and preached, Sundays, 8 times; Saint's Day, 2; other days, 6 times; total, 16. Celebrations of Holy Communion, 3; infant baptism, 1; burial, 1. I also conducted the devotional exercises of the Sunday Schools, with catechising and addresses each Sunday, and likewise twice at the Mission School of "The Good Samaritan." Regular *weekly* visits, with services and addresses, were made at S. Mark's Home and Hospital, and, in addition, visited the Institutions on eight other occasions, (three of which were *specially* to cases of illness,) when I had readings and other devotional exercises. Assisted once at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

I held services and preached in a hall in the village of Casnovia twice, once assisted by the Rev. M. Morris, and, subsequently, accompanied the Bishop on his visitation, and read the service. This was the commencement of what I rejoice in knowing is now a most encouraging Mission. At Three Rivers, officiated and preached, twice on Sunday; celebrated the Holy Communion, once in public, and once in private to an invalid. On these occasions I was assisted by the

Rev. V. Spalding. Had a children's service with catechising in the afternoon. These services were *all* by request and appointment of the Bishop, and are made a part of this report.

(Bishop's Address, pages 65, 70.)

S. James' Mission, Pentwater, Oceana County. (1872.)

The Rev. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Missionary. (1872.)

Henry A. Cross, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 1; total,	6
Communicants—Last reported, 16; admitted 2; received, 8; total added, 10; died, 1; removed, 1; total lost, 2; present number, male, 5; female, 19; total,	24
Burials, 6.	
Public Services—Sundays, 24; week days, 1; total,	25
Holy Communion—Public, 8.	
Congregation—Families, 14; adults, 46; children, 20; total,	66
Catechising—Number of times, 12.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 4; total	5
Pupils, male, 10; female, 20; total,	30
Average attendance,	30

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 2 00	
Salary,	60 00	
Incidentals,	10 00	
Rent for Hall	18 00	
By the Sunday School, for the Sunday School,	3 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$93 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Missions,	$5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		5 00
Total of Offerings,		$98 00

Value of Church property—Organ, $50.00.

At Mears I have found two Communicants from Wisconsin having their Confirmation Cards and letters Commendatory. In the woods four miles east of Pentwater I have found a family of five Communicants having letters from Dr. Schetky. They have not as yet communed, but I have included them in the number of Communicants as given in the above report.

Trinity Mission, Plainwell, Allegan County. (1870.)

No Report.

(Bishop's Address, page 66.)

S. John's Mission, Quincy, Branch County. (1873.)

The Rev. HERBERT J. COOK, Missionary. (1875.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Adults, 3. Confirmed, 3.
Communicants—Last reported, 10; admitted, 3; received, 1; total added, 4; present number, male, 1; ; female, 13; total, - - - - - 14
Marriages, 2.
Public Services—Sundays, 20; week days, 8; total, - - 28
Holy Communion—Public, 2.
Congregation—Families, 14; adults, 30; children, 15; total, - 45

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$25 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$25 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	$9 38	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		9 38
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$34 38

Value of Church Property, $997.30.

(Bishop's Address, page 71.)

Trinity Church, Saranac, Ionia County. (1860.)

Vacant.

Reported by Marshall A. Weiers, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 33; total lost, 18; present number, male, 4; female, 11; total, - -
Marriages, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 3.
Congregation—Families, 14; adults and children, total, -
Catechising—Number of times, 14.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 3; total, Pupils,—Total, - - - - -
Average attendance, - - -

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

For the Sunday School,	$13 00	
Parish Library,	4 50	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	5 80	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$23 30

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$8 65	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		8 65
Total of Offerings,		$31 95

The sources of the contributions reported above are—Subscriptions, $5.80; the whole amount from the Sunday School, $17.50.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $800.00; other property, $33.00; total, $833.00.

(Bishop's Address, page 65.)

All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, Allegan County. (1868.)

The Rev. JOASH R. TAYLOR, Rector. (1868.)

Pierce M. Abbey, John H. Wheeler, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3. Confirmed, 1.	
Communicants—Last reported, 36; died, 1; removed, 1; total lost, 2; present number, male, 12; female, 22; total,	34
Marriages, 2; burials, 8.	
Congregation—Families, 40; adults, 70; children, 30; total,	100
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 7; total	10
Pupils, male, 40; female, 50; total,	90
Average attendance,	67
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, 200.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

For the Sunday School,	$6 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	300 00	
By the Sunday School, for Library Books, Papers, Instruction and Singing Books,	47 79	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$353 79

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$4 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	6 89	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	1 25	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	6 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		18 14

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Home Missions for colored people,	$ 2 00	
Indian Missions,	2 50	
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions,	15 65	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		20
Total of Offerings,		$392

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offert $30 00; Subscriptions, $120; Individual gifts, $21; Women's Asso tions, $148.29; total, $344.29. The whole amount from the Sun School, $47.79.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $4,000; other prop $150; total, $4,150.

Have been absent since the last of January at the East, with consent of the Vestry, and shall probably remain away until Aut Mr. A. B. Taylor conducts lay services every Sunday morning superintends the Sunday School. I have two adult candidates ing Baptism. My Missionary stipend, at my request, closed on M 1st, 1878.

(Bishop's Address, page 63.)

Christ Church, St. Joseph, Berrien County. (1872.)

The Rev. A. E. Bishop, Rector. (1878.)

B. F. Pixley, William J. Nott, Wardens.

Communicants—Last reported, 36; present number, male, 9; female, 27; total,	36
Public Services—Sundays, 8; week days, 1; total,	9
Holy Communion—Public, 1; private, 1.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention,	$2 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		2
Total of Offerings,		$2

The Parish books, Sunday School Library and Communion were all destroyed by fire during the last year. The preceding re of the Parish will have to be taken as approximating the state of Parish with the exception of contributions. We are reorganizin Sunday School, and endeavoring to get into shape again. Two vices have been held at South Haven. The Vestry design to reorg on account of some necessary changes. There are many encour

as well as discouraging features connected with the work. We find here, as every one else, plenty to do, and hope for the success of the Church.

(Bishop's Address, page 66.)

S. John's Church, Sturgis, St. Joseph County. (1873.)

The Rev. SAMUEL C. M. ORPEN, Officiating. (1878.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 1.		
Confirmed, 1.		
Communicants—Last reported, 15; received, 1; died, 1; present number, male, 4; female, 11; total,	-	15
Burials, 1.		
Public Services—Sundays, 7; week days, 11; total,	-	18
Holy Communion—Public, 3.		
Congregation—Families, 13; adults, 34; children, 18; total,		52
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 3; total,		4
Pupils, male, 5; female, 10; total,	- -	15
Average attendance,	- - -	15

(Bishop's Address, pages 63, 64, 65, 70.)

Trinity Church, Three Rivers, St. Joseph County. (1863.)

Vacant. Reported by the Wardens, Thomas M. Clark, LaFayette Lake.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 46; received, 1; total added, 1; present number, male, 15; female, 32; total,	- - - - - - -	47
Burials, 1.		
Public Services—Sundays, 13; week days, 9; total,	- -	22
Holy Communion—Public, 6.		
Congregation—Families, 40; adults, 70; children, 30; total,	-	100
Catechising—Number of times, 2.		
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, 140.		

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$98 20	
Total for Parochial Objects,	- -	$98 20

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	- - - - -	$3 26
Assessment of the Convention,	- - -	4 21
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	- - -	5 00
Total for Diocesan Objects,	- -	12 47
Total of Offerings,	- - -	$110 67

Value of Church property—The Church, $4,000.
(Bishop's Address, page 67.)

Grace Church, Traverse City, Grand Traverse County. (1877.)

The Rev. Wm. H. Sparling, Officiating. (1876.)

Homer P. Daw, Elvin L. Sprague, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 19; adults, 5; total, 24.
Confirmed, 4.
Communicants—Last reported, 29; admitted, 4; received, 3; total added, 7; removed, 1; present number, male, 13; female, 22; total, - - - 35
Marriages, 4; burials, 3.
Public Services—Sundays, 98; week days, 61; total, - 159
Holy Communion—Public, 5.
Congregation—Families, 25; adults, 40; children, 20; total - 60
Catechising—Number of times, 20.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 9; female, 5; total 14
Pupils, male, 28; female, 55; total, - - 83
Average Attendance, - - - 65
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 178.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$151 52	
For the Sunday School, - - - - -	119 79	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	989 18	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$1,250 49

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$30 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	17 23	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c. - - -	4 00	
Clergyman's Poor Fund, - - - -	3 19	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		54 42

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	$3 75	
Foreign Missions, - - - - -	5 10	
Home Missions for Colored people, - - -	1 15	
Indian Missions, - - - - -	1 15	
Society for the Increase of the Ministry, - -	2 43	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		13 58
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$1,318 49

Value of Church Property—The Church, $2,000; other property, $500; total, $2,500.

(Bishop's Address, page 64, 68.)

S. John's Mission, Tustin, Osceola County. (1873.)

The Rev. P. A. ALMQUIST, Missionary. (1878.)

H. A. Fahlstad, N. Nelson, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 7.	
Communicants—Present number, male, 27; female, 19; total,	46
Marriages, 3; burials, 3.	
Public Services—Sundays, 32; week days, 8; total, - -	40
Holy Communion—Public, 3.	
Congregation—Families, 22; adults, 69; children, 54; total,	123
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2.	
Pupils, male, 8; female, 10; total, - -	18
Average attendance, - - - -	10

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$142 00	
Total of Offerings, - - -		$142 00

Value of Church Property—The Church, $800.

Grace Church, Union City, Branch County. (1865.)

Vacant. Reported by the Wardens, Hiram Crissy, H. F. Ewers.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 32; received, 3; present number, male, 12; female, 23; total, - -	35
Public Services—Sundays, 52; week days, 7; total, - -	59
Six Lay Services during Lent.	
Holy Communion—Public, 2.	
Congregation—Families, 18; adults, 45; children, 17; total. -	62
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2.	
Pupils, male, 7; female, 10; total, - -	17
Average attendance, - - - -	10
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, 16.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

For the Sunday School, - - -	$ 3 75	
For Church Organ, - - - - -	200 00	
Expenses of Parish maintenance, - - -	99 58	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$303 33

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$ 1 60	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		11 60

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions and Foreign Missions, - - $2 00

Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, - 2[illegible]0

Total of Offerings, - - - - - $316[illegible]3

Value of Church property—The Church, $4,000.

(Bishop's Address, page 69.)

Van Buren County (Itinerant) Mission.

The Rev. GEORGE P. SCHETKY, D. D., Missionary. (1877.)

I entered upon my duties as Rector of S. Mark's Church, Paw Pa[illegible] Dec. 15, 1877, and, upon appointment by the Bishop, assumed [illegible] position of Itinerant Missionary in VanBuren County. Herewit[illegible] present a summary of Ministerial acts and other particulars connec[illegible] with each point in the Mission that has received my attention. [illegible] report of *S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw*, is made separately as a P[illegible] chial report.

Lawton—First Service, Dec. 30, 1877. Services in a hall. Baptiz[illegible] infants, 2; Communicants: Male, 1; female, 3; total 4; who come to the Parish Church. Public Services: Sundays, 8; week days, 1; total, 9. Congregation: Families, 4; adults, 8; children, 10; to[illegible] 18. Average attendance at the services, 50. Collections at time[illegible] Divine Service for expenses of the Missionary, $6.02.

This is an old Mission station, four miles south. The remova[illegible] several families, dependent upon the "Furnace" and other indust[illegible] now suspended, for some time had the effect to discourage the [illegible] few who remain from taking an interest in sustaining the servi[illegible] The desire for continuing the services, which are now held mont[illegible] is indicated by the uniformly good attendance, and an interest se[illegible] to be now aroused to sustain them with regularity. The offerings are barely sufficient for the expenses of conveyance.

Decatur—First Service, Jan. 17. Services in a hall. Baptized: Infants, 2; adults, 3; total, 5. Confirmed, 4. Communicants [illegible] admitted): Male, 1; female, 11; total, 12. Public Services: Sunda[illegible] 1; week days, 8; total, 9. Holy Communion, 5. Congregation: Fa[illegible] ilies, 9; adults, 36; children, 10; total, 46. Sunday School: Teach[illegible] and officers, 4; scholars, 20. Average attendance on services, [illegible] Contributions: For rent of hall, $8; Communion wine, 30 cen[illegible] Diocesan Missions, 64 cents; expenses of Missionary, $8.75; total, $17.69. Services are to be held here on the fourth Sunday afternoon

each month. There is an encouraging revival of interest in this Mission station. There is good reason to hope that the active efforts of several of the ladies of the congregation may result in the establishment of a prosperous Sunday School, and the maintenance of services, with regularity. At Keeler (eight miles north) resides a church family of two adults and three children (one female communicant) who occasionally attend the services at Decatur.

Pine Grove—First Service, Feb. 20. Service in public school house. Baptized: Infant, 1. Communicant, 1 (female). Public Services: Week days, 3. Congregation: Families, 5; adults, 11; children, 10; total, 21. Average attendance on services, 60. Contributions for expenses of Missionary, $2.11. In the immediate vicinity of this hamlet, on the South Haven road, which has now for the first time had the services of the Church, are a number of English people, whom at an early day I hope to visit. The only communicant is a lady formerly connected with a Parish in Western New York, who, with a wise zeal and interest, which claim the hearty sympathy of the Church for her in her isolated position, is influencing many to attend upon our services. At my suggestion she will immediately commence Sunday School. Several children and some adults, it is expected, will be baptized upon the occasion of my next visit. Kendall and Bloomingdale are villages on the same road, where I hope to hold services this month. In the latter place are three communicants (a family from Paw Paw) who are devotedly attached to the Church.

Lawrence—First Service, Feb. 28. Service in Congregational Chapel, granted for the purpose. Communicants (some of whom attend the Parish Church occasionally): Male, 2; female, 9; total, 11. Public Services: Week days, 2. Congregation: Families, 5; adults, 14; children, 4; total, 18. Average attendance on services, 30. Contributions for expenses of the Missionary, $2.15. This is another old Mission station still dependent for services upon the Missionary settled at Paw Paw; but, unlike all the rest, not affording much encouragement for labor. Perseverance, patience, and much faith are needed for the work here, and we will still "labor in hope," and continue to pray for the blessing from Him "who giveth the increase." The points beyond, on the Chicago & Lake Shore road—Coloma, Hartford, Bangor and Breedsville—will shortly receive attention.

Mattawan is a fifth station, at which services are held monthly, on Sunday afternoon, in the Congregational Chapel, there being no suitable hall. There have been three services, the first on March 17, which I have been informed was the first ever held in the place. The average attendance has been 100. I have not yet found any communicants

there, but three persons whose associations were with the Church in their earlier years, were induced to unite with several young men in soliciting me to hold services statedly. There has been a degree of interest manifested that gives reason to hope for some permanent results of good for the work of the Church. No contributions have yet been made, but will be in future, if the services are continued.

South Haven has received one visit (April 24), when, at the services held in a hall, the attendance of a *very few*, on a tempestuous night, gave some evidence of interest in sustaining the services on the part of the few who remain of a once promising Mission. I regret that my efforts to have another appointment for service fail thus far to receive an encouraging response. I have not yet been able to obtain any statistics of the Church in that place.

The work of this itinerancy, while it is laborious, presents abun[illegible] reason for encouragement. Everywhere I find the desire manif[illegible] st to be informed upon the history and principles of the Church, a[illegible] each place a very general disposition is exhibited to unite with he[illegible] ness in the services. Besides my need of prayer books, of whi[illegible] have but a limited supply, I could, with considerable advantage[illegible] tracts on Church principles and history. I have exhausted my slender stock. It is my intention to have an offering at each [illegible] for the funds of the Diocesan and Domestic Missionary Commit[illegible] From the first of January I was transferred to the list of Mission[illegible] of the latter committee.

Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, Muskegon County. (1870.)

The Rev. ROBERT WOOD, Rector. (1875.)

Baptized—Infants, 5; adults, 1; total, 6.		
Communicants—Last reported, 21; total added, 9; present number, male, 7; female, 23; total,		30
Marriages, 3; burials, 5.		
Public Services—Sundays, 106; week days, 56; total,		162
Holy Communion—Public, 12.		
Congregation—Families, 25; adults, 40; children, 35; total,		75
Catechising—Number of times, 6.		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 2; total,		5
Pupils, male, 12; female, 20. Total,		32
Average attendance,		25
Parish Library—Number of Volumes, 150.		

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$400 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$400 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$12 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	10 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergymen, etc.,	2 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		24 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$2 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		2 00
Total of Offerings,		$426 00

(Bishop's Address, page 68.)

SUMMARY.

Number of Parishes reporting,		28
Number of Parishes not reporting,	3	
Number of Organized Missions reporting,		9
Number of Organized Missions not reporting,	1	
Number of other places reporting,		7
Total number of Parishes and Missions reporting,		44

Parishes Vacant.

S. John's Church, Grand Haven.
S. Paul's Church, Greenville.
S. Paul's Church, Mendon.
Trinity Church, Saranac.
Trinity Church, Three Rivers.
Grace Church, Union City.

ORGANIZED MISSIONS VACANT.

S. Paul's, Manistee.
S. John's, Mount Pleasant.

Reports

OF CLERGYMEN NOT IN CHARGE OF PARISHES.

Extract from Digest of the Canons of the General Convention.

TITLE I., CANON XVII., SECTION I.

"Every Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall [illegible] report the occasional Services he may have performed; and if he have performed no such Services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.

THE REV. DARIUS BARKER, CLAREMONT, N. H. (1866.)

Right Reverend and Dear Sir:

In my report I have only to say that from the Convention to the third Sunday in Advent, I continued the regular Services and Sunday School, at S. Mark's, Paw Paw. When increasing infirmities compelled me to resign, and give place to a younger and more vigorous Clergyman. Since my arrival here I have not been able to attend Church but a few times, nor have I been able to officiate at all. While at Paw Paw, I baptized one adult; performed three burials.

THE REV. COLLEY A. FOSTER, M. D., LL. D. (1864.)

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

The Rev. C. A. Foster, residing at Grand Rapids, begs leave to report to the Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan, that during the past Conventional year, whilst pursuing the medical profession as a means of support, he has assisted the Rector of S. Mark's Church in the services on many occasions and officiated and preached several times in the Chapel. On Easter Sunday, he officiated at Holland; administered the Lord's Supper; preached twice and addressed the Sunday School. He assisted the Rector of S. Paul's Church, Grand Rapids once and filled his place for two Sundays.

THE REV. CHARLES R. HUSON, COLDWATER. (1871.)

No Report.

THE REV. V. SPALDING, residing at THREE RIVERS. (1871.)

To the Right Rev. George D. Gillespie, Bishop of Western Michigan:

Your aged servant is verifying the scriptural limit of man's *active* life. "Though men be so strong that they come to four score years, yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow." Though not yet *quite* arrived at the *full* period of *eighty* years, (lacking about seven months of it) he finds that his daily walk of half a mile to the postoffice and back, is a sufficient task of *bodily* exercise to make him content to spend the remainder of the day in *rest*, and in *trying* to fulfill his Priestly *vow* to "be diligent in prayers, and in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same." For these *mental* and *spiritual* exercises, his *relish* and his *capacity* remain *undiminished* by years, so far as he is *conscious*. On the *Lord's* day, when not engaged *in Church*, he goes through the *Church Service* at *home*, (as has long been his custom) sometimes with only his own household, and sometimes with the attendance of a few neighbors who are *like-minded*.

The "*Ministerial Acts*" which I have been *permitted* and enabled to perform within the past year, are as follows: I baptized 1 infant in Chicago, and 2 infants in St. Joseph, Mich. Officiated at 1 funeral in Three Rivers; assisted at 1 service in S. James' Church, Chicago; preached at 1 service in the Church of the Epiphany, Chicago; held service or assisted therein, on Sundays, 13 times in Three Rivers, at 8 of which times I preached; held service and preached, on week days, at Three Rivers, 9 times, and at Schoolcraft 1 time; assisted and delivered an address at the laying of the corner stone of S. John's Church in Sturgis; administered or assisted in administering the Holy Communion 6 times at Three Rivers, and 1 time in S. James' Church, Chicago.

This meagre account of services in my vocation, will probably be *less* and *less* every year, until the day of the *final* closing of my account of *all* the deeds done in the body. Pray for me, Rt. Rev. father, that *God*, most *merciful*, may grant me, for Christ's sake, a *peaceful* departure on that *dread day*.

The *feeble* and *helpless* condition of "the *wife* of my *youth*" will forbid my leaving her at this time to greet my brethren in their annual Diocesan Convention.

The Conventions.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONVOCATION OF GRAND RAPIDS.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.; Bishop of Western Michigan:

During the past Conventional year there have been two meetings of the Grand Rapids Convocation. The first was held at Traverse City beginning Tuesday evening, July 15, 1877. There were present the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Rev. Messrs. Lewis, Mortimer, Morris, Matthias, Sparling, Wood and Woodford. The subjects discussed were as follows: "The Drinking Usages of Society;" "Can business men attend regularly the Services of the Church?" Sermons were preached by the Rev. Messrs. Large, Morris and Mortimer. All the services were well attended, and all the discussions spirited and edifying. At no meeting of the Convocation have all the objects, as expressed in the Canon on Convocations, been as fully met as at this. In addition to the usual hospitalities, extraordinary courtesies were extended by citizens of the city, for which formal resolutions of gratitude were returned.

The second meeting was at Newaygo, beginning Tuesday evening, January 15, 1878. There were present of the Clergy, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Rev. Messrs. Beckwith, Brittain, Large, Morris, Mortimer, Prichard and Woodford; and of the Laity, Mr. J. R. Smith, of Mt. Pleasant. Sermons were preached by the Rev. Messrs. Brittain and the Rt. Rev. the Bishop. The subjects discussed were, "Parochial Missionary Meetings;" "How to Improve Lent;" "Church Building." Resolutions of condolence were adopted and transmitted to the Rev. A. C. Lewis and family. A resolution was adopted censuring the Vestry of S. Paul's Church, Greenville, for disposing of the property of the Parish without previous consultation with the ecclesiastical authorities of the Diocese.

t both the meetings above mentioned, reports were received and from the Missionaries laboring within the limits of the Convoca- These reports are now on file with the Secretary.

›eg permission to state, before closing this report, that this naked ›ment of the routine work of the Convocation, fails entirely to con- n adequate idea of the real good that the Convocations are ac- [›lishing. Our later meetings of Convocation have been attended warmth and an earnestness and an enthusiasm on the part of ›lergy, and by an ever increasing interest on the part of the Laity, ›h finds no expression in the Secretary's minutes.

SIDNEY H. WOODFORD, Secretary.

RD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONVOCATION OF KALAMAZOO.

he Right Rererend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of Western ichigan:

he undersigned, Secretary of the Convocation of Kalamazoo, ld respectfully submit the following as his annual report:

uring the past Convocational year there have been three meetings onvocation. The first was the annual meeting, held in Trinity rch, Niles, May 29, 1877. No business was transacted except to r and approve the annual reports of the retiring Secretary and asurer, and to elect officers for the ensuing year. The following e elected: President, Rev. James F. Conover; Secretary, Rev. lter Scott; Treasurer, N. P. Loveridge, Esq.

he second meeting of Convocation was held in S. Mark's Church, v Paw, on Tuesday evening and Wednesday, September 4th and 1877. There were present the Right Rev. George D. Gillespie, D., Bishop and President *ex-officio*; the Rev. Darius Barker, Rector he Parish; the Rev. J. F. Conover, President, and the Rev. Messrs. . Bancroft, A. E. Bishop, H. J. Cook, R. H. Paine, G. E. Peters, afford and W. Scott. Sermons were preached by Rev. A. E. op, Rector of S. Paul's Church, Mendon, and G. E. Peters, Rector James' Church, Albion. A paper was read by Rev. H. J. Cook "The Clergyman as a Citizen and Townsman," and a discussion was on the subject of "The Discipline of the Laity," opened by Rev. H. Paine. The offerings amounted to $9.89, applied to payment of enses.

he third meeting of Convocation was held in S. Mark's Church, dwater, Tuesday evening and Wednesday, February 5th and 6th.

There were present the Right Rev. George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bish and President *ex-officio;* the Rev. H. J. Cook, Rector of the Paris the Rev. J. F. Conover, President, and Rev. Messrs. Bancroft, Bish Magrath, Peters, Schetky, D. D., J. L. Taylor and Scott. Sermo were preached by the Rev. J. T. Magrath, Rector of S. Thom Church, Battle Creek, and the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rector of Emma uel Church, Hastings. A paper was read by Rev. J. F. Conover "The Distinction between Parochial Support and the Charity of t Church." A discussion was had on the subject of "Drunkenness a the unlawful use of liquors," opened by Rev. G. P. Schetky, D. Offerings $12.40, applied to the payment of expenses. N. P. Lov idge, Esq., resigned the office of Treasurer, and Rev. W. Scott elected to fill the vacancy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WALTER SCOTT, Secretar.

St. Mark's Home and Hospital.

To the Right Rev. George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop:

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to submit th my report as Rector of S. Mark's Home and Hospital, for the ye ending April 25th, 1878.

And first, from the official statement of the Medical Staff of the I stitution, composed of Drs. Platt, Johnson, Shepard and Boise, we a able to present the following information: "The number of patie in the Hospital department during the year was 42; the mortality The dispensary for out-patients in connection with the Hospital, h administered to 37 persons. Five families have also been visited their homes."

It will be thus seen that the Institution has accomplished someth during the past year for the alleviation and cure of the physical ill not a few of our poor and suffering fellow-men. But in a moral spiritual relation it has also proven a great blessing to this commun affording to a large degree the benign influences of a Christian H to aged and indigent persons, to orphan children, and to the other friendless. Since our last report, 150 persons have been admitte this Institution. The number of permanent inmates at present i

children, 22. Shelter for the night to indigent strangers, and meals to transient applicants have been given at the Home in 67 instances during the year.

The religious influence upon the inmates has been generally salutary. The erring in not a few instances have been reclaimed; while in other instances the languishing have been converted and comforted in the hour of death by the living offices of the Church, in the ministries of the word and Sacraments.

Prayers are said daily for the family by the excellent Matron of the Institution, and Evening Prayer is solemnized every Thursday, and a lecture preached by the Rector. Holy Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion have been administered in the Home during the year.

The pecuniary condition of the Institution is highly satisfactory. The income from all sources during the fiscal year was $3,692.96; the expenditures, $2,694.64; leaving a balance in the Treasury of $998.32.

In concluding this report, I must testify (and with great pleasure) to the efficient management of the Executive Committee, a body of ladies whose loving zeal, Christian fidelity, and business ability are worthy of all commendation. They have held 52 Board meetings during the year, with an average attendance (out of 18 members) of 10 at each meeting. To their able management and constancy and diligence the success of this enterprise, under God, is chiefly due.

GEORGE D. E. MORTIMER, Rector.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS---Statistics of Condition and Growth.

PLACES.	PARISHES.	BAPTISMS.			CONFIRMED.	COMMUNICANTS.										MARRIED.	BURIED.	FAMILIES.	Adults & Children.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.					
													Present No.							Teachers.			Scholars.		
		Infants.	Adults.	Total		Last Reported.	Admitted.	Received.	Total Added	Died.	Received.	Dropp'd, etc.	Total Lost.	Males.	Females.	Total.					Males.	Females.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Albion	S. James'	8	....	8	4	59	4	12	6	1	2	2	5	12	46	58	11	10	71	223	4	7	11	22	54	76
Allegan	Good Shepherd	5	3	8	11	74	11	3	14	....	6	....	6	25	55	82	3	3	51	210	6	8	14	43	47	90
Battle Creek	S. Thomas'	13	5	18	18	101	17	....	17	2	....	4	6	25	85	110	2	7	96	313	5	12	17	....	....	107
Big Rapids	S. Andrew's	8	....	8	....	57	....	....	....	....	....	18	25	4	38	42	4	2	65	226	1	10	11	32	65	97
Burr Oak	Grace	....	....	....	....	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Coldwater	S. Mark's	15	10	25	5	131	5	14	19	3	8	....	11	29	110	139	7	12	100	322	6	11	17	33	40	73
Elk Rapids	S. Paul's	7	1	8	....	42	....	....	....	1	2	2	5	10	27	37	2	12	34	151	1	4	5	20	20	40
Grand Haven	S. John's	....	....	....	2	60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Grand Rapids	Grace	7	....	7	1	79	1	12	13	....	4	1	5	30	57	87	5	8	45	150	6	8	14	60	40	100
Grand Rapids	S. Mark's	19	10	29	18	575	18	9	27	3	1	....	6	....	....	586	5	26	335	1585	....	....	....	36	....	315
Grand Rapids	S. Paul's	9	2	11	3	86	3	8	6	1	4	....	5	....	....	87	10	11	71	328	4	8	12	32	60	92
Greenville	S. Paul's	....	....	....	....	33	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	28
Hastings	Emmanuel	8	12	20	17	74	14	4	18	1	6	3	10	13	69	82	7	14	42	152	2	11	13	44	56	100
Holland	Grace	1	....	1	....	27	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	23	27	3	....	20	71	2	4	6	23	26	49
Homer	Christ	1	....	1	....	25	....	....	4	....	3	....	3	10	16	26	2	....	15	36	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ionia	S. John's	7	2	9	5	30	8	....	8	....	1	....	1	....	....	37	6	....	29	133	2	8	10	20	30	50
Kalamazoo	S. John's	3	4	7	3	88	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	66	88	....	....	55	250	4	9	13	29	43	72
Kalamazoo	S. Luke's	8	5	13	12	189	12	7	19	....	24	6	30	37	141	178	8	13	95	349	3	8	11	26	43	69
Ludington	Grace	15	5	20	8	33	7	2	9	....	7	....	7	11	24	35	6	3	25	119	1	6	7	27	28	55
Marshall	Trinity	15	6	21	15	183	17	2	19	....	5	3	8	55	139	194	2	6	115	375	5	12	17	46	74	120
Mendon	S. Paul's	....	....	....	....	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Muskegon	S. Paul's	13	7	20	11	59	12	4	16	1	4	5	10	....	....	65	4	4	54	175	3	10	13	34	45	79
Niles	Trinity	25	45	70	51	471	....	....	60	7	65	6	78	....	....	453	4	12	300	1000	5	23	28	70	110	180
Paw Paw	S. Mark's	2	1	3	6	43	11	8	19	3	9	....	12	9	41	50	6	....	47	172	2	7	9	19	30	56
Saranac	Trinity	....	....	....	....	33	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	11	15	1	....	14	42	4	3	7	....	....	34
Saugatuck	All Saints'	3	....	3	1	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	34	2	3	40	100	3	7	10	40	50	90
St. Joseph	Christ	5	....	5	2	55	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	55	....	....	45	100	....	....	....	....	....	....
Three Rivers																										
Traverse City	Trinity	19	5	24	4	155	4	3	7	1	1	....	1	9	15	24	4	....	20	80	1	4	5	28	55	83
	Grace																									

MISSIONS, ETC

Casnovia	Mission	1	3	4	5											12											
Charlotte	Grace	5		5	2	20	2	2	4	1	1	1	3	7	14	21	2	3	14	38	4	5	9	11	50	61
Coopersville	Epiphany	2	1	3	1	18	1		1	1	2		3	3	13	16	1	1	14	38	1	5	6	6	20	26
Eaton Rapids	S. Matthias'					14					5		5	1	8	9			8	22						
Evart	S. John's	3	2	5	3	14	3	2	5	1	1		2	5	12	17	8	1	10	33	1		1			8
Farwell	Trinity	1	4	5	5	8	5		5			1	1	2	10	12		1	9	27	3	3	6	10	16	26
Grand Rapids	Good Shepherd	2	3	5	6	41										41					3	13	16	89	103	192
Grand Rapids	Mission, Swedes'	2		2										8	11	19	2	1	12	52						
Hersey	Grace					9		3	3	1	5		6		6	6		1	5	13						
Kalamazoo	S. Barnabas'																									90
Manistee	S. Paul's					35										33										
Mt. Pleasant	S. John's					16				1	2		3	6	7	13			9	43						
Newaygo	S. Mark's	5		5	2	15	2	1	3		3		3	3	12	15	1		18	61	1	6	7	20	23	43
Pentwater	S. James'	5	1	6		16	2	8	10	1	1		2	5	19	24		1	14	66	1	4	5	10	20	30
Plainwell	Trinity				1	12										13										
Quincy	S. John's		3	3	3	10	3	1	4					1	13	14	2		14	45						
Sturgis	S. John's	1		1	1	15		1	1	1			1	4	11	15		1	13	49	1	3	4	5	10	15
Tustin	S. John's	7		7										27	19	46	3	3	22	123	2		2	8	10	18
Van Buren Co	Mission	5	3	8	4		4		4					4	24	28			23	103			4			20
		*267	144	411	228	3034	166	95	334	33	182	52	285	446	1276	3195	120	179	2012	7491	100	222	368	826	1198	2633

*Includes ten reported by the Bishop. See page 83.

Grace Church, Burr Oak; S. John's Church, Grand Haven; S. Paul's Church, Greenville; and the Missions of Manistee and Plainwell, have made no report. The report of Christ Church, St. Joseph, is imperfect by reason of a fire which destroyed records. The tables contain a few figures of some of these places supplied from other sources.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS---Contributions.

PLACES.	PARISHES.	WITHIN THE DIOCESE. PAROCHIAL.	DIOCESAN. Diocesan Missions.	Diocesan Assessment.	Ag'd & Infirm Clergy Fund.	Other Object's	Total for Dioces'n Objects	WITHOUT THE DIOCESE. Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions to Color'd People	Indian Missions.	For Theological Schools and Students.	Other Objects.	Total Outside of Diocese.	Total from Associations of Women.	Total from Sunday Schools.	Total from all Sources.
Albion	S. James'	$ 822 91	$ 15 00	.....	$ 2 00	.....	$ 17 00	$ 1 00	$ 8 96	$ 1 50	.....	.....	.....	$11 46	.....	$ 10 00	$ 851 37
Allegan	Good Shepherd	1,430 00	36 00	$24 75	3 60	.....	64 35	2 50	2 75	1 30	$ 1 30	$ 4 00	.....	11 85	.....	86 00	1,506 20
Battle Creek	S. Thomas'	8,749 63	55 00	3 30	12 47	.....	70 77	27 12	13 82	.....	4 50	12 75	.....	58 19	$ 731 78	375 96	8,878 59
Big Rapids	S. Andrew's	1,227 79	20 00	.....	4 38	.....	24 38	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	1,262 17
Burr Oak	Grace	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Coldwater	S. Mark's	2,269 65	70 00	28 00	18 50	$ 5 00	121 50	39 16	12 04	9 45	12 10	6 50	$ 4 58	83 83	650 00	33 84	2,474 98
Elk Rapids	S. Paul's	740 81	42 00	15 75	10 74	....	68 49	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	9 00	113 95	13 43	818 30
Grand Haven	S. John's	.....	5 00	.....	4 50	.....	9 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 50
Grand Rapids	Grace	7,315 00	25 00	17 00	4 50	.....	46 50	.....	.....	2 75	2 75	.....	3 00	8 50	.....	65 00	7,370 00
Grand Rapids	S. Mark's	11,351 39	692 54	140 00	56 48	20 51	909 53	63 97	95 13	32 88	32 15	.....	10 63	234 76	80 70	168 19	12,495 68
Grand Rapids	S. Paul's	812 00	35 00	22 05	8 80	.....	65 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00	877 85
Greenville	S. Paul's	35 79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 79	35 79
Hastings	Emmanuel	1,105 83	65 56	22 38	8 24	54 24	150 36	6 50	10 96	9 94	6 48	13 56	4 45	51 89	263 63	40 16	1,308 08
Holland	Grace	171 00	7 06	4 29	1 00	.....	12 35	2 50	5 65	2 00	.....	.....	.....	10 15	.....	8 15	193 50
Homer	Christ	148 67	2 50	2 87	2 37	.....	7 74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	156 41
Ionia	S. John's	625 35	4 00	3 81	.....	.....	7 81	2 60	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 60	53 00	54 11	637 16
Kalamazoo	S. John's	1,361 17	35 75	15 86	.....	4 11	55 72	.....	.....	5 00	3 13	4 12	23 41	35 66	265 00	63 59	1,452 55
Kalamazoo	S. Luke's	3,097 89	350 00	62 21	14 84	125 17	552 22	134 76	61 74	16 10	.....	12 26	46 98	271 84	256 91	136 37	3,921 95
Ludington	Grace	477 98	10 00	4 32	2 00	.....	16 32	2 81	1 00	95	1 05	.....	.....	5 81	137 10	15 60	500 11
Marshall	Trinity	2,135 50	140 00	38 47	13 51	.....	191 98	13 76	25 86	.....	7 29	10 00	3 00	59 91	165 19	51 14	2,387 39
Mendon	S. Paul's	307 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 59	2 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 31	.....	20 00	314 31
Muskegon	S. Paul's	1,403 12	33 00	17 20	2 15	.....	52 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 50	1,455 47
Niles	Trinity	3,770 00	125 00	49 50	10 00	125 00	309 50	95 00	42 00	.....	.....	.....	6 70	143 70	.....	125 00	4,223 20
Paw Paw	S. Mark's	498 77	2 15	8 81	2 00	2 50	15 46	7 15	2 28	1 00	1 06	.....	2 28	13 77	83 09	44 14	528 00
Saranac	Trinity	23 30	8 65	.....	.....	.....	8 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 95
Saugatuck	All Saints'	353 79	10 00	6 80	1 25	.....	18 14	15 65	.....	2 00	2 50	.....	.....	20 15	148 29	47 79	302 08
[illegible]	[illegible]	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
[illegible]	[illegible]	.....	00 20	3 20	5 00	.....	12 47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110 07
St. Johns	Trinity	1,250 49	20 00	17 22	4 00	3 10	54 42	3 75	5 10	1 15	1 15	2 43	.....	13 58	.....	.....	1,318 49
Three Rivers	[illegible]	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Traverse City	Grace	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Union City	Grace	$ 303	33	$ 1	60	$10	00			$	11	60	$ 1	00	$ 1	00						$ 2	00			$ 316	93
Whitehall	Redeemer	400	00	12	00	10	00	$ 2	00		24	00	2	00								2	00			426	00
MISSIONS, ETC																									
Charlotte	Grace	392	40	10	00			1	65		11	65	1	65	1	44			$ 1	70	$ 3	44	8	25	$ 35	00	$ 23	86	412	28
Coopersville	Epiphany	295	68	8	00				70		8	70	8	21			$	36	$	53			9	10			14	30	313	48
Eaton Rapids	S. Matthias'	192	89										1	00									1	00			24	00	193	89
Evart	S. John's	178	77		88							88				79		83		43			2	05			34	08	181	70
Farwell	Trinity	203	86		70							70				89	1	60	1	07			3	56	115	31	21	33	208	12
Grand Rapids	Good Shepherd	336	96	30	20			2	19		32	39	4	53	2	00							6	53			94	47	375	88
Grand Rapids	Swedes' Missi'n	40	09																										40	09
Hersey	Grace	48	47															46					46						48	93
Mt. Pleasant	S. John's	90	00																										90	00
Newaygo	S. Mark's	302	00	15	00			1	72		16	72	3	50	1	00	1	35	1	50	10	00	17	35			22	00	336	07
Pentwater	S. James'	93	00	5	00						5	00															3	00	98	00
Quincy	S. John's	25	00	9	38						9	38																	34	38
Tustin	S. John's	142	00																										142	00
VanBuren Co	Mission	28	87																										28	87
		$54,656	35	1,923	17	531	40	200	39	330	72	2,996	88	459	11	300	13	91	62	79	99	78	32	108	47	111764	3,098	95	1,729	80	*58,916	72

* Includes $145.85 contributed to Bishop Gillespie, or to the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, and not elsewhere acknowledged.

Statistics

Of the Diocese of Western Michigan, for the Year ending May 31, A. D. 1878.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CLERGY—		
Canonically resident, the Bishop, 30 Presbyters, 1 Deacon,		32
Clergymen connected with Parishes and Missions,		5
Candidates for Orders, 4; and Postulant, 1,		—
PARISHES, ETC.—		
Number of, in union with the Convention,		37
Having both Chapel and Church,		7
Having Rectories,		21
Supplied with full services,		7
Whose Rectors have Missionary stipend,		5
Missionaries receiving stipend,		
Vacant, see page 161.		
EPISCOPAL ACTS—Summary of—see page 88.		

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

CONGREGATIONS—	
Families reported in 40 Parishes and Missions,	2,012
Adults and Children in 40 Parishes and Missions,	7,491
BAPTISMS—	
Infants in 38 Parishes and Missions,	267
Adults in 25 " " "	144
Total,	411
CONFIRMED—	
In 30 Parishes and Missions,	228
COMMUNICANTS—	
Last reported in 45 Parishes and Missions,	8,034
Admitted in 23 " " "	166
Received in 22 " " "	95
Total added, " " "	334
Died in 18 " " "	33
Removed in 28 " " "	182
Total lost in 31 " " "	285
Present number in 49 Parishes and Missions; male, 446; female, 1,276; not specified, 1,473; total,	8,195
MARRIAGES—	
In 29 Parishes and Missions,	120
BURIALS—	
In 29 Parishes and Missions,	170

IN DAY SCHOOLS—
Teachers in 35 Parishes and Missions, male, 100; female, 222; not designated, 46; total, - - - - - 368
Scholars—boys, 826; girls, 1,198; not specified, 609; total, 2,633

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Of which, for Sunday School purposes, 2 2-10 per cent., - - - - - -	1,169 61	
Of which, for interest and reduction of debt, 10 2-10 per cent., - - - - -	5,609 70	
Of which, for Church building, 26 6-10 per cent., - - - - - -	14,530 01	
Of which, for salaries and current expenses, 55 2-10 per cent., - - - - -	30,151 48	
Of which, mostly Church furnishing, organs, bells, etc., 2 8-10 per cent., - -	1,553 09	
FOR DIOCESAN OBJECTS—		
In 37 Parishes and Missions, - - -		2,996 88
For Diocesan Missions in 36 Parishes and Missions, - - - - - - -	1,925 17	
For Diocesan Assessment in 24 Parishes and Missions, - - - - - -	531 40	
For Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund in 27 Parishes and Missions, - - - -	200 59	
For other objects in 8 Parishes and Missions,	339 72	
FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE—		
In 30 Parishes and Missions, - - -		1,117 64
For Domestic Missions in 25 Par. and Missions,	$459 11	
For Foreign " in 22 " "	300 13	
For Freedmen " in 19 " "	91 02	
For Indian " in 17 " "	79 96	
For Theological Schools and Students in 11 Parishes and Missions, - - -	78 32	
For Societies for the Conversion of the Jews, in 6 Parishes and Missions, - - -	26 63	
For other Charitable and Missionary purposes in 7 Parishes and Missions, - -	81 84	
TOTAL FOR ALL PURPOSES, - - -		$58,916 72
Of which, from Women's Associations, -	$3,098 95	
Of which, from Sunday Schools, - -	1,729 80	

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" " " Parochial endowments, - -	450 00
Estimated total value of Church property, - -	289,487 71
Amount of indebtedness on Church property, - -	32,966 69

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Domestic Missions—The Advent Season; *Foreign Missions*—The Epiphany Season; these times are fixed by the recommendation of the Board of Missions.

Home Missions for Colored People—The Season of Lent; *Indian Missions*—The Trinity Season; by recommendation of the Diocesan members of the General Board of Missions.

For the Education of Candidates for Orders in the Diocese—"Trinity Sunday, or a Sunday soon after;" by recommendation of the Convention. See page 39.

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ERRATA.

On page 70, add to notice of visitation at Paw Paw, March 15, 16, "Confirmed, 6." On page 41, after the report of the Committee on Extinct Parishes, read, "The report was accepted and its recommendation adopted." And after the Minority Report, same page, read, "The report was accepted." On page 45, after the final report of the same Committee, read, "The report was adopted."

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Hastings, Mich.

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The Rev. GEORGE D. E. MORTIMER.
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Mr. LEBEUS C. CHAPIN.
Mr. JOHN W. CHAMPLIN.
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Mr. JOHN H. MONTGOMERY.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Rev. GERRET E. PETERS. Hon. GEORGE WOORUFF.

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

A Body Corporate, holding and managing the Funds of the Diocese at the pleasure of the Convention, composed of *ex officio* members and *elective* members.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, *EX OFFICIO*.

The Bishop, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Registrar, the Members of the Standing Committee and of the Board of Missions.

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVENTION.

Mr. GEORGE WOODRUFF.
Mr. HENRY BREES.
Mr. FREDERICK A. GORHAM.
Mr. NOAH P. LOVERIDGE.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

President—The Right Reverend, the Bishop.
Secretary—The Secretary of the Convention.
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Rev. SIDNEY BECKWITH.

EXAMINING CHAPLAINS.

The Rev. V. SPALDING, in charge of "The First Examination."

The Rev. JOHN L. TAYLOR, in charge of "The Second Examination."

The Rev. ALBERT C. LEWIS, in charge of "The Third Examination."

The Rev. ROBERT WOOD, in charge of "The Examination of the literary qualifications of a Postulant or Candidate," and "of a Candidate for the office and administration of a Deacon only."

Union City	Grace	$ 303 33	$ 1 60	$10 00				$ 11 60	$ 1 00	$ 1 00						$ 2 00				$ 316 93
Whitehall	Redeemer	460 00	12 00	10 00	$ 2 00			24 00	2 00							2 00				426 00
MISSIONS, ETC																				
Charlotte	Grace	392 40	10 00		1 65			11 65	1 65	1 44				$ 1 70	$ 3 44	8 25	$ 35 00	$ 23 86		412 28
Coopersville	Epiphany	295 68	8 00		70			8 70	8 21		$ 36	$ 53				9 10		14 30		313 48
Eaton Rapids	S. Matthias'	192 89							1 00							1 00		24 00		193 89
Evart	S. John's	178 77	88					88		79	83	43				2 05		34 08		181 70
Farwell	Trinity	203 86	70					70		89	1 60	1 07				3 56	115 31	21 33		208 12
Grand Rapids	Good Shepherd	336 96	30 20		2 19			32 39	4 53	2 00						6 53		94 47		375 88
Grand Rapids	Swedes' Missi'n	40 09																		40 09
Hersey	Grace	48 47									46					46				48 93
Mt. Pleasant	S. John's	90 00																		90 00
Newaygo	S. Mark's	302 00	15 00		1 72			16 72	3 50	1 00	1 35	1 50	10 00			17 35		22 00		336 07
Pentwater	S. James'	93 00	5 00					5 00										3 00		98 00
Quincy	S. John's	25 00	9 38					9 38												34 38
Tustin	S. John's	142 00																		142 00
VanBuren Co	Mission	28 87																		28 87
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List of the Clergy

CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

MAY 28, A. D. 1879.

Those marked * not entitled to seats in the Convention.—Constitution, Art. VI. Those in *italics* were absent.

BISHOP.

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese. (Consecrated February 24, A. D. 1875.) Residence, Grand Rapids.

PRESBYTERS.

Almquist, Peter Auguste, Missionary to the Swedes at Grand Rapids and Tustin. P. O., Big Rapids.

Bancroft, Joseph W., Rector of Emmanuel Church, Hastings.

Barker, Darius. P. O., Paw Paw.

Beckwith, Sidney, Rector of S. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids.

* *Bishop, Addis E.* P. O., Lincoln Center, Lincoln County, Kansas.

Brittain, William, Officiating in S. John's Church, Ionia.

Conover, James F., Rector of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo.

Cook, Herbert J., Rector of S. Mark's Church, Coldwater.

* Fellows, William W., Rector of S. Paul's Church, Muskegon.

Flower, Edward W., Rector of Grace Church, Holland, and All Saints' Church, Saugatuck. P. O., Holland.

Foster, Colley A., LL. D., Missionary in the vicinity of Grand Rapids.

* *Huson, Charles R.* P. O., Coldwater.

Large, Joseph S., Missionary.

Lewis, Albert C., Rector of S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids.

Magrath, John T., Rector of S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek.

Matthias, William, Missionary at Evart, Mt. Pleasant, and the vicinity. P. O., Evart.

McMurdy, Robert, D. D., LL. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Niles.

Morris, Moseley, Missionary at Newaygo, Coopersville, and the vicinity. P. O., Grand Rapids.

Mortimer, George D. E., Rector of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids.
Peters, Gerret E., Rector of S. James' Church, Albion.
Prichard, Joseph B., Rector of Grace Church, Ludington, and Missionary at Pentwater. P. O., Ludington.
* *Safford, Henry*, Rector of Grace Church, Burr Oak. P. O., Topeka, Kansas.
Scott, Walter, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan.
Spalding, V. P. O., Three Rivers.
Schetky, George P., D. D., Rector of S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw, and Missionary in Van Buren County.
Stout, Charles T., Rector of S. John's Church, Kalamazoo.
Taylor, John L., Missionary at Eaton Rapids and Charlotte. P. O., Charlotte.
Whittemore, Henry B., Rector of Trinity Church, Marshall.
Wood, Robert, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall.
Woodford, Sidney H., Rector of S. John's Church, Grand Haven.

DEACON.

Sparling, William Heavener, Missionary in Grand Rapids.

OFFICIATING IN THE DIOCESE.

Orpen, Samuel C. M., of the Diocese of Indiana, in S. John's Church, Sturgis.

SUMMARY.

Number Canonically resident: The Bishop; 30 Presbyters; 1 Deacon	32
Number entitled to seats in the Convention	28
Of whom there were present	26
Number not entitled to seats	4
Of whom there were present	1

POSTULANT.

John Frederick Nitschke, of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo; Admitted June 12, 1875.

CANDIDATES.

FOR PRIEST'S ORDERS.

William Wordsworth Taylor. Admitted September 26, 1876. Divinity School in Philadelphia, Penn.

Eugene Jeffrey Babcock. Admitted September 26, 1876. General Theological Seminary, New York.

Rev. William H. Sparling, (Deacon.) Admitted Feb. 15, 1877.

Charles Taylor Wood. Admitted July 18, 1877. General Theological Seminary, New York.

Horace Gates. Admitted September 15, 1877. Nashotah Theological Seminary.

A List of the Clergy

IN THE ORDER OF THEIR CANONICAL RESIDENCE, WITH THE DATES OF THEIR ORDINATION OR TRANSFER.

The year in parenthesis attached to a name shows the beginning of a former residence within the limits of this Diocese.

1864.

Rev. C. A. Foster, LL. D.,
From the Diocese of Indiana.

1865.

Rev. J. W. Bancroft,
O. Sept. 19, at Marshall.
O. May 22, 1867, at Hastings.

1866.

Rev. D. Barker.

1868.

Rev. S. Beckwith.

1869.

Rev. J. B. Prichard.

1870.

Rev. A. C. Lewis.
Rev. G. E. Peters.
Rev. H. Safford, (1860.),
Dec. 10. From the Diocese of Illinois.
Rev. M. Morris,
Dec. 16, From the Diocese of Wisconsin.

1871.

Rev. C. R. Huson.

1872.

Rev. J. F. Conover.
O. Oct. 13, at Kalamazoo.
Rev. V. Spalding.

1873.

Rev. J. L. Taylor.
Rev. S. H. Woodford.

1874.

Rev. Robert Wood, (1856),
O. April 15, 1858, at Grand Rapids.
Rev. H. B. Whittemore,
From the Diocese of Arkansas.

1875.

Right Rev. G. D. Gillespie, D. D.,
Cons. Feb. 24, at Gr'd Rapids.
Rev. W. Scott,
May 1. From the Diocese of Indiana.
Rev. J. S. Large,
May 30. From the Diocese of Indiana.
Rev. H. J. Cook,
June 10. From the Diocese of Central New York.

1876.

Rev. R. McMurdy, D. D., LL. D.,
March 10. From the Diocese of Illinois.
Rev. W. Matthias,
O. March 26, at Coldwater.
O. June 13, 1877, at Big Rapids.
Rev. W. Brittain,
Dec. 20. From the Diocese of Maryland.
Rev. W. H. Sparling,
O. Dec. 31, at Albion.

1877.

Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer,
April 2. From the Diocese of Georgia.
Rev. A. E. Bishop,
April 30. From the Diocese of Indiana.
Rev. P. A. Almquist.
Dec. 17. From the Diocese of Michigan.
Rev. J. T. Magrath,
Dec. 17. From the Diocese of Michigan.
Rev. G. P. Schetky, D. D.,
Dec. 17. From the Diocese of Michigan.

1878.

Rev. C. T. Stout,
April 17. From the Diocese of Iowa.
Rev. E. W. Flower,
Sept. 25. From the Diocese of Michigan.

1879.

Rev. William W. Fellows,
Jan. 7. From the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

A List of Parishes

IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

CONVOCATION OF KALAMAZOO.

County.	Name.	Place.	When Admitted.
Allegan	Church of the Good Shepherd	Allegan	1860.
"	All Saints' Church	Saugatuck	1869.
Barry	Emmanuel Church	Hastings	1864.
Berrien	* Trinity Church	Niles	1834.
Branch	S. Mark's Church	Coldwater	1848.
"	Grace Church	Union City	1865.
Calhoun	Trinity Church	Marshall	1836.
"	S. James' Church	Albion	1840.
"	Christ Church	Homer	1841.
"	* S. Thomas' Church	Battle Creek	1843.
Kalamazoo	* S. Luke's Church	Kalamazoo	1838.
"	* S. John's Church	"	1860.
St. Joseph	Trinity Church	Three Rivers	1864.
"	S. Paul's Church	Mendon	1867.
"	† Grace Church	Burr Oak	1868.
Van Buren	S. Mark's Church	Paw Paw	1851.

CONVOCATION OF GRAND RAPIDS.

County.	Name.	Place.	When Admitted.
Antrim	† S. Paul's Church	Elk Rapids	1871.
Grand Traverse	Grace Church	Traverse City	1877.
Ionia	S. John's Church	Ionia	1841.
"	Trinity Church	Saranac	1860.
Kent	* S. Mark's Church	Grand Rapids	1836.
"	S. Paul's Memorial Church	" "	1872.
"	Grace Church	" "	1875.
Mason	* Grace Church	Ludington	1873.
Mecosta	S. Andrew's Church	Big Rapids	1873.
Muskegon	S. Paul's Church	Muskegon	1867.
"	Church of the Redeemer	Whitehall	1870.
Ottawa	* S. John's Church	Grand Haven	1866.
"	Grace Church	Holland	1868.

* Has a Rectory. † Has no Church edifice.

A List of Missions

IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ORGANIZATION.

Mission.	Place.	County.	When Organized.
S. Mark's	Newaygo	Newaygo	1876.
S. Paul's	Manistee	Manistee	1876.
S. John's	Evart	Osceola	1876.
Grace	Hersey	"	1876.
S. Matthias'	Eaton Rapids	Eaton	1876.
S. John's	Mt. Pleasant	Isabella	1876.
Trinity	Farwell	Clare	1877.
Epiphany	Coopersville	Ottawa	1877.
Grace	Charlotte	Eaton	1877.
S. James'	Pentwater	Oceana	1877.
S. Matthew's	Baldwin	Lake	1879.

OTHER PLACES HAVING REGULAR SERVICES.

County.	Name.	Place.	First Services.
Branch	Mission (unorganized)	Quincy	1873.
St. Joseph	S. John's (Parish not in union)	Sturgis	1873.
Osceola	Mission (unorganized)	Tustin	1873.

PLACES HAVING OCCASIONAL SERVICES, OR VISITED BY THE BISHOP DURING THE YEAR.

Berlin, Ottawa County; see Bishop's Address, page 79, and the Report of Epiphany Mission, Coopersville.

Casnovia, Muskegon County; see Report, page 107.

Edwardsburg, Cass County; see Bishop's Address, page 80.

Greenville, Montcalm County; see Report, page 118.

Howard City, Montcalm County; see Bishop's Address, page 79, and Parochial Report of S. Andrew's, Big Rapids.

Little Traverse, Emmett County; see Parochial Report of S. Andrews, Big Rapids.

Old Mission, Grand Traverse County; see Parochial Report of S. Paul's, Elk Rapids.

Petoskey, Emmett County; see Parochial Report of S. Andrew's, Big Rapids.

Plainwell, Allegan County; see Report, page 135.

Portland, Ionia County; see Bishop's Address, page 80.

Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo County; see Bishop's Address, page 80.

St. Joseph, Berrien County; see page 137.

Bangor, Breedsville, Decatur, Hartford, Kendall, Lawrence, Lawton, Pine Grove, South Haven; see Report of Van Buren County (Itinerant) Mission, page 141.

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S. MARK'S CHURCH, GRAND RAPIDS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th, A. D., 1879.

The members of the Fifth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan, assembled as above, and came to order at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Canonical List of the Clergy was presented by the Bishop, and the names of Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention being called therefrom, the following answered to their names:

The Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.

The Rev. Joseph W. Bancroft.	The Rev. George D. E. Mortimer.
The Rev. Sidney Beckwith.	The Rev. Gerret E. Peters.
The Rev. William Brittain.	The Rev. Walter Scott.
The Rev. James F. Conover.	The Rev. V. Spalding.
The Rev. Herbert J. Cook.	The Rev. Geo. P. Schetky, D. D.
The Rev. Edward W. Flower.	The Rev. Charles T. Stout.
The Rev. Joseph S. Large.	The Rev. John L. Taylor.
The Rev. Albert C. Lewis.	The Rev. Henry B. Whittemore.
The Rev. John T. Magrath.	The Rev. Robert Wood.
The Rev. William Matthias.	The Rev. Sidney H. Woodford.

The Rev. Robert McMurdy, D. D., LL. D.

The lists of Parishes in union with the Convention, and of Organized Missions, were called, and the Lay Delegates presented their certificates of election. The Chair appointed as Committee on the Credentials of the Lay Delegates, The Rev. Messrs. Sidney Beckwith and H. J. Cook.

A recess was then taken until the hour of 3 o'clock P. M., and the Convention engaged in

DIVINE SERVICE.

The following Clergymen participated in the opening services; to-wit: The Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, The Rev. Samuel C. M. Orpen of the Diocese of Indiana, The Rev. Edward W. Flower, the Rev. Robert McMurdy, D. D., LL. D., The Rev. William H. Watts of the Diocese of Michigan, the Rev. James F. Conover, The Rev. V. Spalding, The Rev. Levi H. Corson of the Diocese of Michigan, and the Rev. George D. E. Mortimer, Rector of the Parish.

The Bishop delivered a part of his Annual Address. In the Celebration of the Holy Communion he was assisted in the distribution by the Rev. Messrs. Corson and Spalding.

The Offering, amounting to $24.25, was devoted to the increase of the Diocesan Library.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Committee on the Credentials of the Lay Delegates presented the following

REPORT.

Your Committee reports that the Certificates of Election referred to its examination are in due form, and the following named persons are Canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, viz.: from

* Allegan—Church of the Good Shepherd	D. J. Arnold, W. B. Williams, Lyman A. Lilly.
Battle Creek—S. Thomas' Church	Clement Wakelee, Charles F. Bock, James W. Wood.

Grand Haven—S. John's Church	Thomas Friant, George D. Sisson, Samuel C. Mower.
Grand Rapids—Grace Church	O. H. Chipman, F. V. Taylor.
Grand Rapids—S. Mark's Church	Alonzo Platt, John W. Champlin, William R. Shelby.
Grand Rapids—S. Paul's Church	William F. Walker, N. B. Scribner.
Hastings—Emmanuel Church	Henry A. Goodyear, David G. Robinson, Marcus W. Riker.
Holland—Grace Church	H. C. Matrau, John Roost.
Homer—Christ Church	Mason Gibbs.
Kalamazoo—S. John's Church	Edwin W. DeYoe, Frank I. Kellogg.
Kalamazoo—S. Luke's Church	Theodore P. Sheldon, Lebeus C. Chapin, William A. Wood.
Marshall—Trinity Church	John H. Montgomery, Charles P. Dibble.
Muskegon—S. Paul's Church	Joseph B. Murphy, James Snow.
Niles—Trinity Church	George F. Edwards, J. Eastman Johnson, Robert McMurdy, Jr.
Saugatuck—All Saints' Church	John Priest, Alfred B. Taylor.
Traverse City—Grace Church	Elvin L. Sprague.
Whitehall—Church of the Redeemer	Thomas Woodhams.

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY BECKWITH.

H. J. COOK.

The report was accepted.

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* The list contains the names of those only who were present at the Convention.

Credentials were presented from S. Mark's, Coldwater; Grace, Ludington; and S. Mark's, Paw Paw; but no delegates from these three Parishes attended the Convention.

No Credentials were presented from the Parishes of S. James', Albion—S. Andrew's, Big Rapids—Grace, Burr Oak—S. Paul's, Elk Rapids—S. Paul's, Greenville—S. John's, Ionia—S. Paul's, Mendon—Trinity, Saranac—Christ, St. Joseph—Trinity, Three Rivers—and Grace, Union City.

Upon calling the roll seventeen Parishes were found to be represented by thirty-two delegates.

Whereupon the Chair declared the Convention duly organized, and ready for business.

The election of Secretary being in order, the Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. C. A. Foster and Mr. S. C. Mower, Tellers.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast, 49; the Rev. J. W. Bancroft is elected unanimously.

C. A. FOSTER.
S. C. MOWER.

The Secretary desired the assent of the Convention to the appointment of the Rev. Sidney Beckwith as Assistant Secretary; which was given.

On motion of the Rev. Charles T. Stout, the General Rules of Order printed on pages 14 and 15 of the Journal of 1878, were adopted for the governance of this Convention.

GENERAL RULES OF ORDER.

I. In case the Bishop shall withdraw from the sittings of the Convention, he shall appoint a Presbyter to preside during his absence.

II. Before the final adjournment of the Convention, the minutes of the session about to close shall be read and corrected, and signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary.

III. No resolution shall be entertained until it shall have been reduced to writing; and no motion shall be considered as before the Convention until it is seconded; and when seconded, it shall be stated by the President.

IV. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to

postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. A motion to adjourn and a motion to lay on the table shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

V. A question being decided shall not be reconsidered at the same annual session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present; nor without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision.

VI. Every member present when a motion is put shall vote thereon, unless excused by the Convention.

VII. On the requisition of any two members, the yeas and nays shall be called, and entered on the Journal. (Concerning the vote by Orders, see Constitution, Article VII.)

VIII. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

IX. When a member desires to speak, he shall arise and address the President in an audible voice. If more than one member rise, the President shall determine the preference.

X. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Convention.

XI. No member shall withdraw from the Convention, without leave asked and voted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schetky,

Resolved, That the Clergymen of this Diocese not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen from other Dioceses, Candidates for Holy Orders, and Delegates from Missions not entitled to representation, who may be present, are hereby invited to seats in this Convention.

The invitations to sittings in the Convention were accepted by the Rev. Levi H. Corson and the Rev. William H. Watts, of the Diocese of Michigan, the Rev. S. C. M. Orpen, of the Diocese of Indiana, and the Rev. Charles H. Canfield, of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

On motion of the Rev. J. S. Large, the Rev. William W. Fellows, Rector of S. Paul's Church, Muskegon, was

"admitted to a seat and vote in" the Convention, in accordance with the second proviso of the VIth Article of the Constitution.

The Right Reverend, the President of the Convention, announced the

STANDING COMMTTEES.

On the Admission of Churches into Union with the Convention—Rev. Robert Wood, Rev. Charles T. Stout, Mr. Edwin W. DeYoe.

On the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen—Mr. George F. Edwards, Mr. John Roost, Mr. Marcus W. Riker.

On the Report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan—Rev. George P. Schetky, D. D., Rev. Albert C. Lewis, Mr. John W. Champlin, Mr. William A. Wood, Mr. Alfred Milnes.

On the Report and Accounts of the Board of Missions—Rev. Joseph S. Large, Rev. Edward W. Flower, Mr. J. H. Montgomery, Mr. A. B. Taylor, Mr. E. L. Sprague.

On Unfinished Business—Rev. William Brittain, Mr. S. C. Mower, Mr. Thomas Woodhams.

On Christian Education—Rev. John L. Taylor, *Rev. H. B. Whittemore, Rev. William Matthias, Mr. Clement Wakelee, Mr. Mason Gibbs.

On Canons—Rev. J. F. Conover, Rev. R. McMurdy, D. D., †Mr. D. J. Arnold, Mr. J. W. Wood.

On Church Literature—Rev. John T. Magrath, Rev. S. H. Woodford, Rev. Walter Scott, Mr. F. V. Taylor, Mr. W. F. Walker.

The Bishop read the statistical portion of his Annual Address, after which he received the Parochial Reports.

On motion of the Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer,

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Church, as recommended in the Bishop's address, be hereafter appointed amongst the Standing Committees of this Convention; and that the same consist of six members—three Clerical and three Lay.

* Rev. Robert Wood was substituted for Rev. Mr. Whittemore, after the latter had obtained leave of absence from the Convention

† Mr. Arnold having been granted leave of absence on the second day of the Convention, Mr. W. B. Williams was substituted on this Committee.

On motion of Mr. L. C. Chapin,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the case of S. Paul's Church, Greenville; S. James' Church, Albion; and Christ Church, St. Joseph, be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen for examination and report.

The report of the Standing Committee was read by the Rev. J. F. Conover, Secretary.

TO THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:

The Standing Committee has held five meetings during the past year, as follows:

June 6, 1878.—In S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, and organized by electing Rev. George D. E. Mortimer, President, and Rev. J. F. Conover, Secretary. It was resolved to hold the meetings alternately at Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo.

Sept. 24.—In S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids. The Committee, on recommendation of the Bishop, voted $100.00 each to Rev. V. Spalding and Rev. Darius Barker from the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, for the year June 1, 1878, to June 1, 1879. The Committee recommended the Bishop, that a dispensation from a knowledge of Greek, Latin and Hebrew languages be granted Rev. William H. Sparling, an applicant for ordination to the Priesthood.

Feb. 18, 1879.—In S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, when leave was granted Rev. William H. Sparling, compelled, owing to ill health, to retire from the active ministry for a time, to withdraw his papers in the matter of his ordination to the Priesthood from before the Committee. The Testimonials in the matter of Bishop Wingfield's election to be Bishop of Louisiana were returned for correction. The Committee recommended Eugene Jeffrey Babcock for ordination to the Diaconate.

April 24.—In S. Luke's Rectory, Kalamazoo. The Committee gave its consent to the election of Right Reverend J. H. D. Wingfield, D. D., Bishop of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Northern California, to be Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana. On recommendation of the Bishop, Rev. M. Morris was voted $50.00 from the Infirm Clergy Fund.

Grand Rapids, May 28, 1879.—In S. Mark's Church. The report of the Secretary to the Diocesan Convention was read and approved.

GEORGE D. E. MORTIMER,
President.

J. F. CONOVER,
Secretary.

On motion, the reading of the reports of the Board of Missions was deferred until the evening session.

The Treasurer of the Convention and of the Fund for the Aged and Infirm Clergymen, their Widows and Orphans, and for all Objects outside the Diocese, then presented his

ANNUAL REPORTS.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer,

In Account with the Diocese of Western Michigan.

1878-9.	Dr.
Cash balance from last year	$352 53
" from Dr. McMurdy (by Rev. J. W. Bancroft)	21 00
Received from Church of Good Shepherd, Allegan	27 00
" " S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids	7 50
" " Grace Church, Burr Oak	1 37
" " S. Mark's Church, Coldwater	10 00
" " S. John's Church, Grand Haven	18 75
" " S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids	140 75
" " Emmanuel Church, Hastings	24 16
" " Christ Church, Homer	6 58
" " S. John's Church, Kalamazoo	24 25
" " S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo	64 94
" " Grace Church, Ludington	7 88
" " Trinity Church, Marshall	43 12
" " Trinity Church, Niles	42 50
" " S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw	8 96
" " All Saints' Church, Saugatuck	7 50
" " Trinity Church, Three Rivers	6 66
" " Grace Church, Union City	2 48
" " Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall	3 75
	$821 68

CONTRA.	Cr.
By cash paid Rev. J. W. Bancroft	$109 30
" " " Rev. J. F. Conover	2 00
" " sent Treasurer of General Convention	34 00
" paid bill of "Our Dioceses."	4 00
" " " of printing and postage for Standing Committee.	2 25
" " " of Dygert, Buff & Rice	180 50
" " " for printing Canon XIV	1 00
" P. O. order sent Rev. P. A. Almquist	3 00
" exchange, postage and stationery	6 60
Cash on hand	479 03
	$821 68

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. SHELDON,
Treasurer.

T. P. SHELDON, Treasurer,

In Account with the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and the relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen;

		Dr.
Cash balance from last year		$644 99
Received from Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan		3 25
" " S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek		9 15
" " S. John's Church, Charlotte		1 00
" " S. Mark's Church, Coldwater		15 94
" " S. Matthias' Church, Eaton Rapids		1 50
" " Grace Church, Grand Rapids		3 00
" " S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids		40 97
" " Emmanuel Church, Hastings		9 29
" " Trinity Church, Marshall		8 05
" " S. Paul's Church, Muskegon		2 15
" " S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw		2 00
" " Grace Church, Traverse City		2 20
" " Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall		3 00
" " S. John's Church, Kalamazoo		4 75
" " S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo		20 97
" " two years interest on Harris mortgage		140 00
" " interest on Hawley mortgage		15 00
" " interest on Pollock mortgage		21 00
		$948 21

		Cr.
By cash paid Rev. V. Spalding		$100 00
" " " Rev. D. Barker		100 00
" " " Rev. M. Morris		50 00
" " " for mortgage from A. Moreman		125 00
" " " for mortgage from John Meyer		200 00
" " on hand		373 21
		$948 21

List of securities belonging to the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, etc.,

Note and mortgage of Pamelia Pollock	$ 210 00
" " " of Freeman Hawley	150 00
" " " of A. Moreman	125 00
" " " of Levi Harris	1,000 00
" " " John Meyer	200 00

May, 1879.

The undersigned, Lay members of the Standing Committee, acting as a Board of Auditors, by appointment of the Convention of 1876, beg leave to report that they have examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, etc., and find them correct as per statement above.

L. C. CHAPIN.
A. PLATT.
D. J. ARNOLD.

The total amount of the Fund is as follows:

Securities, as above	$1,685 00
Cash on hand	373
	$2,058

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. SHELDON,
Treasurer.

Statement of sums received by the Treasurer of the Diocese for Objects outside the Diocese for 1878–9.

Parish.	Town.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Indian Missions.	Home Mis'n Colored People.	Increase of Ministry.	Conversion of the Jews.	Bible and Prayer Book Society.
S. Thomas'	Battle Creek	1 25	1 25	1 25	1 25		1 00	
S. Andrew's	Big Rapids	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00			
Grace	Burr Oak		70					
Epiphany Mis'n	Coopersville				36			
S. Paul's	Elk Rapids	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00		
S. John's Mission	Evart		79					
Trinity Mission	Farwell		89					
S. John's	Grand Haven		3 78					
Good Shepherd	Grand Rapids	2 00	2 00					
S. Mark's	Grand Rapids	65 00	94 88		13 68			
Emmanuel	Hastings	3 51	2 80	4 50				
Grace	Holland		5 05					
S. John's	Ionia	2 00						
S. John's	Kalamazoo		4 32			7 78		
S. Luke's	Kalamazoo	39 13	44 11	33 45	16 76			
Grace	Ludington	1 48	1 48		1 00			
Trinity	Marshall	13 80	12 46				2 84	3 00
S. Mark's Mis'n	Newaygo				1 35			
S. Mark's	Paw Paw			1 06	1 00			
Trinity Mis'n	Plainwell		50					
Trinity	Saranac	1 17	1 16					
All Saints'	Saugatuck		2 50					
Grace	Traverse City	3 25	2 30	1 25	1 25	2 43		
Grace	Union City		6 34					
Ch. of Redeemer	Whitehall		4 00					

All of which sums have been remitted.

T. P. SHELDON,
Treasurer.

There has also been received for the support of candidates for the Ministry:

From S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo	$19 00
From Grace Church, Ludington	1 00
	$20 00

The above amount paid over to D. G. Robinson, per his receipt.

T. P. SHELDON,
Treasurer.

The Treasurer's reports were accepted and referred.

The Association of the Diocese submitted its Annual REPORT.

TO THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:

The undersigned having been appointed a Committee to prepare for the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the Annual Report to this Convention which the Constitution and By-laws of the Association require, beg leave to report, that having fulfilled the duties of their appointment, they were directed by the Association to submit as its Fourth Annual Report to the Convention, the subjoined Reports, (1) of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Association; (2) of a special Committee of the said Board; together with (3) a brief minute in reference to the reported deficiency in the income of the Episcopate Fund, and the generous donation of Bishop Gillespie.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:

GENTLEMEN: As required by the By Laws of the Association, I respectfully make the following report of the various Funds in my hands, and the operations of the same since the date of my last report.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

The amount remains the same as last year, viz: $30,786.75, and is made up of the following items:

Individual notes	$18,873 35
Loans on real estate	8,586 25
Real estate	1,800 00
Unsecured pledges	60 00
Cash in Treasury	1,467 15
	$30,786.75

The cash received during the year has been

From payment of notes	$1,050 00
" " of bond of Baptist Society	100 00
" " of unsecured pledges	20 00
" sale of forty acres of land in Montcalm County	400 00
	$1,570 00

All of which is now in the Treasury, less the balance due the Treasurer at commencement of the year, viz: $102.85. The mortgages for $2,500.00, made by T. McGee, on which one year's interest

is due, are in process of foreclosure, with every prospect that the amount due on the same will be realized during the year.

The Income has been as follows:

From interest on notes	$1,950 18
" " on loans	574 80
" " on bonds	10 75
" subscriptions	100 00
	$2,635 73

The Disbursements have been:

For Bishop's Salary	$2,600 00
" taxes, Osceola County	7 20
" taxes, Kalamazoo	5 62
" insurance on McGee property	23 66
" deficit in Treasury, commencement of year,	9 63
	$2,646 20
Leaving balance due Treasurer	$ 10 47

The Income during the coming year, which has been carefully estimated, and includes only such items as have been promptly paid in the past, will amount to about $1,800.00, from which will have to be paid:

Balance due Bishop, Feb. 24th, 1879	$ 800 00
One year's salary to Feb. 24th, 1880	3,000 00
Taxes, incidentals, etc., say	25 00
	$3,825 00
Leaving a deficit of	$2,025 00

Total amount of Interest on notes and mortgages now unpaid is about $2,200.00, of which $200.00 is good and has been included in the above estimate.

The following letter has been received from the Bishop:

GRAND RAPIDS, May 22d, 1879.

MR. F. A. GORHAM,

Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

MY DEAR SIR—The exhibit of the Income of the Episcopal Fund for the year commencing February 24th, 1879, made by you at the late meeting of the Trustees shows the probable Income $1,800.00.

In consideration of my having received a compensation of $1,600 for services in the Diocese of Michigan from March, 1878, to June 1st, 1879, I hereby relinquish my claim for the current year to the amount of one thousand dollars.

Yours very respectfully,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

PERMANENT MISSIONARY FUND.

The amount of this Fund remains the same as last year, viz: $500.00. On the 5th of December the principal of the mortgage was paid and the amount is in the Treasury awaiting investment. The Income was $27.65 of which $24.75 has been paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, and the balance $2.90, less $1.00 due the Treasurer at the commencement of the year, is in the Treasury.

SPECIAL FUNDS.

These have been increased during the year by a remittance of $25.67 from Rev. Geo. P. Schetky for a Church building at Decatur, this amount having been received by him from Grace Sunday School of Utica, N. Y.

The note of Henry Safford has been paid, with interest; the total amount due on the note was $1,016.16, from which was deducted $97.50, authorized by the Board, to be allowed as a compromise, and $2.16 for exchange and expenses of collection, leaving a balance of $916.50 in the Treasury for the benefit of the Quincy Church.

Following is a list of deeds, mortgages and other securities in my hands which have been examined by the three Lay members of the Standing Committee, constituting a Board of Auditors, and their certificate is attached to the statement.

FOR THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

Individual notes	$18,873 35
Bond and mortgage, Emily Liberty	1,000 00
" " " A. A. Cope et al	1,000 00
" " " E. Close	1,000 00
" " " T. McGee	2,000 00
" " " W. Hart	350 00
" " " A. Zierleyn	1,000 00
" " " J. W. Bancroft	250 00
" " " T. McGee	500 00
" " " Grace Church, Holland	1,186 25
Notes and mortgage, W. B. Williams	300 00
Deed of lot at Kalamazoo from C. E. Stuart	1,000 00
Deed of lot at Kalamazoo from H. G. Wells	200 00
Deed of lot at Ludington from J. F. Tinkham	200 00
Deeds of forty acres in Osceola County from Fred'k Hall	400 00
Unsecured pledges	60 00
	$29,319 60

FOR SPECIAL FUNDS.

Deed from Jos. Berry and wife, Church property at Quincy	$150 00
Copy of deed, Caroline Snell, Church property at Lowell	125 00
Deed, Henry Hall and wife, to Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Plainwell	50 00
Deed, Samuel C. Graham and wife, land at Coopersville	100 00
Deed for lot No. 7, block No. 2, east addition to Village of Eaton Rapids	500 00
	$925 00
Total of all securities	$30,244 60

Statements of the several accounts are submitted with this report showing, in detail, the receipts and disbursements, with the necessary vouchers.

F. A. GORHAM
Treasurer.

GRAND RAPIDS, May 26th, 1879.

The undersigned, Lay members of the Standing Committe, acting as a Board of Auditors by appointment of the Convention of 1876, (page 39, Journal of 1876,) beg leave to report that they have examined the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, and find them correct as per written statement above.

L. C. CHAPIN.
D. J. ARNOLD.

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:

The undersigned, appointed as a Committee to prepare a supplemental report showing the actual value of the securities of the Episcopal Funds, would respectfully report that they have examined the same with the following result:

Total of individual notes		$18,873 35	
of which there are worthless	$7,930 00		
and doubtful	1,775 00	9,705 00	
Leaving, as good, a balance of			$9,168 35
Mortgages, all of which are good			8,586 25
Real estate $1,800.00, actual value of which is			1,300 00
Unsecured pledges $60.00, actual value			20 00
Cash in Treasury			1,476 15
Total value			$20,550 75

We would also report in regard to the action of the Trustees, with reference to the building of an Episcopal residence, that at a meeting of the Board held at Hastings, on the 5th of February, 1879, a building Committee of three was appointed, consisting of the Bishop, Mr. Henry Brees, of Kalamazoo, and Mr. F. A. Gorham of Grand Rapids, which was authorized to prepare plans for the proposed Episcopal residence, receive estimates for doing the work, and award the contract for the same to the lowest responsible bidder, provided, that the plans, specifications and contract should have been first submitted to, and approved by the Board. Under this authority the Committee have prepared suitable plans for a frame building, the total cost of which shall not exceed $3,500, and these plans are now ready to be placed in the contractor's hands for estimates. The principal of the Episcopal Fund in the Treasurer's

hands, uninvested, now amounting to about $1,400, will be used in the work, and any necessary balance to complete the work will be borrowed and a mortgage given on the property to secure the same, the rate of interest not to exceed 8 per cent. An arrangement has been made with the Bishop for the payment of an annual rental of five hundred dollars, so long as the Episcopal salary shall continue to be paid at the rate of $3,000 per annum; but if any year the said salary shall be less than that amount then the said rental, for the same year, shall be reduced in the same ratio.

T. P. SHELDON.
F. A. GORHAM.

The Association desires to place upon record its grateful appreciation of the liberality shown by the Bishop in his munificent contribution, which is now made for the third time. Action has been proposed looking to an assessment upon the Parishes for such part of the deficiency as they may be ably to bear during the coming year.

J. F. CONOVER,
T. P. SHELDON,
F. A. GORHAM,
Committee.

The report of the Association was accepted and referred.

The Chair announced as Committee on the State of the Church, Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer, Rev. H. J. Cook, Rev. Robert Wood, Mr J. Eastman Johnson, Mr. H. C. Matrau, Mr. W. R. Shelby.

And as Committee on Extinct Parishes, Rev. Charles T. Stout, Rev. William Brittain, Mr. L. C. Chapin, Mr. Thomas Friant.

On motion of Mr. L. C. Chapin, S. Paul's Church, Mendon, was referred to the consideration of the Committee on Extinct Parishes.

On motion of the Rev. J. F. Conover,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention is hereby authorized to pay the Treasurer of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, the sum of $200 to be applied in payment of arrears in the Bishop's salary.

On motion of the Rev. J. F. Conover,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized to pay from the General Fund the sum of $23.95, the amount being the expenses of the Commission appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese in the matter of the investigation called for by the Rector of Trinity Church, Niles, in relation to the rumors affecting his moral and ministerial character.

The Rev. J. F. Conover gave notice of his intention to introduce, to-morrow, a Canon to provide for th change of a Parish into an organized Mission.

The Rev. S. H. Woodford gave notice of intention to offer, to-morrow, an amendment to Canon VIII., providing for a change in the form of Parochial Report.

Referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Montgomery,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Bishop, to take such measures as they may deem proper to secure to this Diocese such portion of the Episcopal Fund now held by the Diocese of Michigan, as was contributed by persons in this Diocese.

The Rev. Dr. Schetky gave notice of intention to propose a new Canon, to be entitled *Of Communicants.*

Referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion the Treasurer of the Convention was authorized to pay the Rev. M. Lane $4.80, being half the expenses of the (joint) Legislative Committee.

Mr. O. H. Chipman, of Grace Church, Grand Rapids, made known his wish to give to the Diocese a number of Diocesan Journals, and on motion of Rev. H. J. Cook,

Resolved, That the offer by Dr. Chipman of sundry Journals of the Diocese of Michigan be accepted with thanks, and the matter referred to the Registrar of the Diocese.

The Chair announced as committee to press the claim of this Diocese for some portion of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Michigan: Messrs. J. W. Champlin, C. P. Dibble, L. C. Chapin.

On motion of Rev. C. T. Stout,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to examine the different series of Lesson Papers for Sunday School instruction, with a view to recommend some such series for uniform use in this Diocese.

On Motion of Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer,

Resolved, That this Convention meet to-morrow at 8:30 o'clock A. M., and take a recess from 12, M., to 2, P. M.

On Motion of Mr. J. W. Champlin,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to report a Canon, or amendment to Canon, prescribing the qualifications of persons to take part in the organization of Parishes, and to vote at Parish meetings.

A motion to adjourn was put and lost.

The Rev. J. W. Bancroft gave notice of a proposed amendment of Canon II. by dropping certain words from the title of the third Standing Committee, and asked its reference to the Committee on Canons, which was granted.

The Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Christian Education:

WHEREAS, The non-attendance of children upon the regular Church services is an evil widely prevalent throughout this church in this day, and

WHEREAS, The habit thus incurred is one which cannot but be disastrous upon the religious and moral character of the future generations, therefore

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Convention, the children of the church should be trained up in habits of regular attendance upon divine worship, and that all parents and guardians be solemnly exhorted to see that their children and wards are made to attend regular services of the church on all Sundays and greater festivals.

Resolved, That all Rectors and Missionaries be required to read this resolution in their respective Parishes or Missions upon some Sunday in Trinity, and that a sermon be preached enforcing this duty.

The Chair announced * the Committee on Leaflets. Rev. C. T. Stout, Rev. E. W. Flower, Rev. W. W. Fellows, Mr. C. F. Bock, Mr. E. W. DeYoe, Mr. Alfred Taylor.

The Convention took a recess until 7:30 P. M.

* This was the Secretary's impression and record. But the Committee were not aware of their appointment until their report was called for.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Missionary Service was said by the Rev. William W. Fellows and the Rev. William Matthias.

The Treasurer of the Board of Missions read his Annual Report, which was referred to its proper Committee.

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

In account with the Diocesan Mission Fund.

1878.	Rec'd.	Due.
Balance of last year, as reported	$603 60	
From a lady, S. Thomas', Battle Creek	5 00	
Good Shepherd, Allegan, $40.00, S. S. $15.00	55 00	
Grace, Grand Rapids	25 00	
S. Mark's, Grand Rapids	515 13	
S. Paul's, Grand Rapids, $12.00, S. S. $5.00	17 00	
Emmanuel, Hastings, $60.00, S. S. $5.00	65 00	
Grace, Holland	15 00	
Christ, Homer	12 50	
S. Luke's, Kalamazoo	300 00	
S. Mark's, Paw Paw	5 00	
All Saints', Saugatuck, $10.00, S. S. 10.00	20 00	
Grace, Traverse City, $30.00, S. S. $5.00	35 00	
S. James', Albion	5 00	10 00
S. Thomas', Battle Creek, $75.00, S. S. $10.00	85 00	
S. Andrew's, Big Rapids	10 00	10 00
S. Mark's, Coldwater	70 00	
S. John's, Ionia	5 00	
S. John's, Kalamazoo	11 16	28 [illegible]
S. John's, Kalamazoo, S. S.	15 00	
Trinity, Marshall	140 00	
Grace, Ludington, $10.00, S. S. $5.00	15 00	
Trinity, Niles	125 00	
Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall	12 00	
S. John's, Grand Haven	12 00	

S. Paul's, Muskegon	25 00	5 00
S. John's Mission, Evart	1 21	
Good Shepherd Mis,n, Grand Rapids $3, S. S. $5	8 00	
S. James' Mission, Pentwater	5 00	
S. John's Mission, Quincy	10 00	
Berlin Mission	3 14	
Epiphany Mission, Coopersville	3 36	4 64
S. Mark's Mission, Newaygo	11 22	3 78
Montague Mission	5 00	
Casnovia Mission	1 86	3 14
Six month's interest, Mrs. Gillespie's bequest	24 75	
Bishop Gillespie	5 00	
Rev. J. B. Prichard	5 00	
Rev. J. F. Conover	5 00	
Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer	15 00	
Rev. J. W. Bancroft	10 00	
Rev. E. W. Flower, from a friend	5 00	
Mrs. D. G. Robinson	5 00	
T. P. Sheldon	10 00	
Dr. Chapin	10 00	
	$2,346 93	
*S. Pauls, Elk Rapids		35 00
Trinity, Three Rivers		10 00
Grace, Union City		2 00
Benton Harbor		2 00
F. A. Gorham		5 00
*J. B. Folger		5 00
Mrs. H. C. Wood, Union City		5 00
Rev. H. J. Cook		7 00

*Since paid.

CONTRA.

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aid Rev. John L. Taylor,	Stipend	$300 00
" " J. B. Prichard,	"	37 50
" " Robert Wood	"	50 00
" " G. E. Peters	"	37 50
" " W. Matthias	"	225 00
" " W. H. Sparling	"	62 50
" " H. J. Cook	"	100 00
" " G. P. Schetky	"	50 00
" " M. Morris	"	56 25
" " E. W. Flower	"	206 25
" " William Brittain	"	100 00
" " Addis E. Bishop	"	25 00
" " S. C. M. Orpen	"	41 67
" " A. C. Lewis	"	75 00
" " H. J. Cook, expenses, printing, etc		11 92
" Postal orders, postage, etc., for the last year		7 57
	$1,386 16	
Cash on hand to balance	960 77	
	$2,346 93	

DAVID G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

In Account with Fund for Candidates for Holy Orders.

1878.					Dr.
Received from	D. Fisher	balance as reported			$ 34 72
"	"	"	"	Collection at Convention	22 48
"	"	S. John's Church, Grand Haven			6 29
"	"	Emmanuel, Hastings			8 10
"	"	S. Thomas', Battle Creek			7 60
"	"	All Saints', Saugatuck			2 05
"	"	Grace, Holland			3 67
"	"	S. Marks's, Paw Paw			1 00
"	"	S. Mark's, Grand Rapids (per the Bishop)			36 58
"	"	Trinity, Niles (per the Bishop)			10 00
"	"	Grace, Traverse City			2 43
"	"	Trinity, Elk Rapids			1 00
"	"	S. John's, Kalamazoo			7 78
"	"	Trinity, Marshall (per T. P. Sheldon)			6 13
"	"	Good Shepherd, Allegan			3 50
"	"	S. Mark's, Coldwater (per the Bishop)			11 65
"	"	S. Luke's, Kalamazoo (per T. P. Sheldon)			19 08
"	"	Grace, Ludington (per T. P. Sheldon)			1 00
Borrowed from the Bishop's Fund					51 52
					$236 58

CONTRA.	Cr.
Paid Horace Gates, order of Bishop	$165 00
" Bishop Gillespie, for money advanced to Horace Gates	50 00
Cash balance on hand	$21 58
	$236 58

GENERAL MISSIONARY FUND.

Received from	D. Fisher, as reported last year				$177 69
"	"	"	"	Lady at Coldwater	5 00
					$182 69

D. G. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

In Account with Bishop's Fund.

1878.					Dr.
Received from	David Fisher, Treasurer				$ 23 95
"	"	Diocese of Michigan through the Bishop			375 00
"	"	Diocese of Michigan in Certificates of Deposit, City Bank, Grand Rapids			875 00
"	"	Friends of the Bishop			100 00
"	"	Industrial Band, S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids			15 00
					$1,388 95

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1878.			
To paid half	Interest on Bonds, Grace Church, Holland		$ 50 00
"	"	Organ for use of Mission at Evart	45 00

"	"	Board Bill of Missionary at St. Joseph....	65 50	
"	"	Copying in Diocesan Books.....	10 00	
"	"	Church Almanacs for Clergy.....	4 50	
"	"	Books on Church Architecture.....	4 00	
"	"	Rev. Phillips Brooks' Sermons for Clergy.	25 00	
"	"	Printing Bishop's Address.....	17 85	
"	"	Printing.....	22 40	
"	"	Books for Diocesan Library.....	5 15	
"	"	Shelves of Registrar's office.....	12 17	
"	"	Specimen Prayer Books and Tracts.....	44 82	
"	"	Prayer Books for Missions.....	30 00	
"	"	Travelling expenses of Clergymen.....	24 00	
"	"	Periodicals for Public Institutions.....	5 40	
"	"	Tracts for distribution.....	21 49	
"	"	Hire of room for Services.....	1 00	
"	"	Loan of Fund for Aid to Candidates.....	51 52	
"	"	Postage and exchange.....	1 99	
				$441 79
To Cash on hand to balance.....				947 16
				$1,388 95

May 28, 1879. D. G. ROBINSON,
Treasurer.

The Rev. Herbert J. Cook, Secretary of the Board of Missions, read the Annual Report of the Board, and the same was accepted and referred to the appropriate Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Reverend Father and Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

A year of perhaps unusual barrenness in the Church of Christ seems to be the report rendered by many of the Standard Bearers of our Lord and Saviour as they bring in the account of a year's toil and a year's struggle. Western Michigan is no exception as we have already been told by our Chief Pastor. And the Missionary Board, working constantly with the Bishop in the endeavor to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes, can but too fully appreciate the words of their leader. A Missionary Diocese like this is very sensitive to any general depression, either in the business world or in the spiritual life of the Church. Missionary pledges and offerings are diminished; the slender stipend is refused or given with grudging hand; the Missionary is discouraged and the work languishes. Still the twelve months past are not to be set down as entirely unfruitful of good results, both those which are visible and such as are at present unseen; and when the fruits of all mission work shall have been gathered in, it will doubtless be discovered that some of that multitude which no man can number learned the first notes of the Song of Redeeming Love at the lips of

some faithful worker in the Missions of this Diocese in the year now closed. "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow, from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah LV., 11-12.) Relying upon this promise and waiting for a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit, as Whitsuntide draws on, we may thank God and take courage.

Our first business obviously is to review

THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

No more convenient way seems open than to take up each Parish and Mission as it occurs on the list, and give as just and fair a report as possible. Self-supporting Parishes, of course, do not come within the range of mission work, except in the important sense of being the pecuniary supporters and feeders of all such work.

ALBION AND VICINITY.

The Rev. G. E. Peters has received a stipend during a part of the year, and his field has been the rural districts around his Parish. His work, like all such under similar circumstances, shows the desirableness of reaching and carrying the Church to the rural population who cannot or will not voluntarily go several miles to town without first having their interest aroused and a feeling of their need of the Church awakened in their minds. Even then the natural reluctance that people living in the country feel against meeting at Church their better dressed neighbors of city and town, will always operate; and the cry will always come to the Church from the fields where golden harvests wave in the midst of spiritual deserts, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Other bodies of Christians understand and meet this problem far more effectively than we do.

CHARLOTTE AND EATON RAPIDS.

Matters at these two points are not improving. In spite of long, self-denying efforts of the Missionary, seconded by the endeavors of the Board of Missions, the Rev. Mr. Taylor has been obliged to seek another field, and the judgment of the Board would place these two points in charge of an itinerant, instead of a resident missionary.

COOPERSVILLE, NEWAYGO, CASNOVIA AND BERLIN.

These Missions for sometime successfully conducted by the Rev. Moseley Morris are still in the charge of the Board. Since the ill health of the missionary made it necessary to resign his charge, services have been kept up with more or less regularity by the Clergy of Grand Rapids.

ELK RAPIDS.

The Board of Missions understands that material progress is being made at this point in charge of the Rev. A. C. Lewis. The foundations of the new Chapel are laid and the work of building is going on.

EVART, FARWELL, MT. PLEASANT AND REED CITY.

These Missions are being hopefully carried on by the Rev. Will-

iam Matthias. Besides these places services have been rendered by the missionary at other points, new and old, during the year.

SAUGATUCK AND HOLLAND.

These points have been served during a greater part of the year by the Rev. E. W. Flower; the former missionary, the Rev. J. R. Taylor, having left the Diocese. Under present auspices there seems to be every reason to hope for good results, and to anticipate the day when missionary aid will no longer be needed at either place.

LUDINGTON, PENTWATER AND BALDWIN.

These Missions are reported as in flourishing condition by the Rev. J. B. Prichard. The work at Baldwin is new and gives ground for encouragement.

GREENVILLE, STANTON AND SARANAC.

Not so much can be said in favor of these points. The faithful work of the Rev. William Brittain has not been appreciated, and in some cases he has been treated with indifference if not discourtesy.

QUINCY.

Little can be reported of this mission, in charge of the Secretary of the Board, excepting that services have been continued regularly, and on the whole there is an increase of attendance. Much encouragement, however, is felt from the fact that nearly one thousand dollars in cash is in the hands of the Trustees of the Diocese for the building of a Chapel. Negotiations are now pending for a site and for suitable plans.

STURGIS.

The Rev. S. C. M. Orpen, of the Diocese of Indiana, is acting as Missionary at this place, and speaks hopefully of his work.

TRAVERSE CITY.

Loss of health by the late Missionary, the Rev. W. H. Sparling, has interrupted a successful work here.

TUSTIN.

The Rev. P. A. Almquist continued his labors among the Swedes. He also does mission work at Grand Rapids.

UNION CITY, THREE RIVERS AND MENDON.

Much effort has been used on the part of the Bishop of the Diocese and the Board of Missions to unite these three points under one missionary, but with only partial success.

WHITEHALL AND MONTAGUE.

The Rev. Robert Wood still holds these stations, and the reports from them are among the most satisfactory in the Diocese.

EDWARDSBURG.

The Rev. A. T. Perkins, of Indiana, has been doing efficient work at this place.

VAN BUREN COUNTY.

This County is unusually favored and the Church idea of missionary work has, perhaps, been more fully realized here than elsewhere in the Diocese. The itinerant mission of the Rev. Geo. P. Schetky, D. D., has proved eminently successful even after counting all discouraging features. The ground has been thoroughly

gone over, frequent services held with average attendance of from thirty-five to seventy-five. Families have been visited, the cottage lecture often used and hundreds of people been brought in contact with the Church for the first time. A Ladies Aid Society has been organized at Hartford, and a lot for a Chapel promised, both there and at Breedsville. Several persons are preparing for confirmation at these and other points. Hartford, South Haven and Breedsville need more frequent services and are spoken of as places of abundant promise.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

About the usual number of Board meetings have been held, and the constant aim has been to discharge faithfully the high and important trust committed.

NEED OF CO-OPERATION ON THE PART OF MISSIONS.

At these meetings it has been a source of no inconsiderable annoyance and detention in the successful prosecution of the work that replies to letters and circulars sent come in slowly, and when they do come they are vague and unsatisfactory in too many cases. Even the direct appeals of the Bishop sometimes fail to elicit a response. The Board, therefore, in view of future labors would earnestly urge the representatives of the various missions to act promptly, and definitely to say what is the utmost they can do for themselves so that the Board can act intelligently and at once, adjusting the means at command to the necessities of the whole field.

RELATION OF THE BISHOP TO MISSIONS.

Another subject which the Board would present to the Convention for its action is the Bishop's relation to the missionary work. The matter as it concerns the Board of Missions is referred to elsewhere; but in the judgment of this body, the Chief Officer of the Diocese should be clothed with more authority in connection with placing, and continuing laborers, and in removing missionaries from one field to another. Missionary work should be in accord with the needs and wishes of the majority of worshipers and should not be impeded by the indifference or selfishness of individuals. There is too much fastidiousness in regard to the men in the field, too much of a feeling that "missionary service is our right, and yet we are under no obligations to sustain the work if for any reason we do not happen to fancy the man who is sent to us." This state of things the Board refers to reluctantly and with the hope that an allusion to it will do something to cure one of the evils of our whole missionary work. Loyalty to the Church and to the Bishop would seem to require a disposition to be satisfied with what aid can be granted consistently with other claims, and then that every person connected with the mission should work earnestly in the hope of gaining strength and the more independent status of a self-supporting Parish.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS, THE HOPE OF OUR DIOCESE.

We have done something as a Diocese in the work of Missions, and we can see some of the results to-day. Our danger now is that we may lose our interest and slacken our endeavors in this great field. But we are never to think of Diocesan Missions as an indifferent agency of Church work which we may have or not have, according as times are hard or easy and inclination encourages or refuses. They rest upon the Divine command "Freely ye have receiv-

d, freely give; go teach all, whatsoever things I have commanded ou." There is the same absence of love and peril of judgment in isobedience of this as of any other command of Christ. He who as not the mind of Christ, the Apostle says, is none of His, and we now the mind of Christ to be that the Gospel should be preached) every creature. The Church was begun in Missions, has grown) what it is through them and must be perpetuated by them. 'hey are God's appointed means of extending His Kingdom, and as Ie has instructed each one of us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come," so Ie has shown that He expects each one of us to do all we can by ibor, offerings and prayer to help the coming of His Kingdom into very place where it is not now established.

We say that this is a Missionary Diocese, but do we all realize how rue this is of it? Remove all the missionaries who are working n it and how the proportions of our work would be shorn! Reuse the Gospel to all points which could not pay for the services f a Clergyman, and how insignificant our operations would appear! Divide our whole number of Clergy into two parts and the 'arochial would only exceed by one the Missionary Clergy. Cover p on the map of Western Michigan all those points which the 'hurch does not occupy, and at first sight it would seem as though he whole map were covered; but a close search would reveal open pots indicating occupancy here and there. This Diocese owes its xistence to the fact that where so much work needed to be done, he field must be brought into smaller compass so that the work ould be better done; a small field is better tilled. Any way we hoose to look at the subject we shall see that its missions are the aramount interest of the Diocese, at once justifying its right to xist and furnishing the agency and the hope of its future growth nd prosperity.

IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARLY IN THE FIELD.

When missionary work is to be done the sooner it is begun the etter. There are the advantages of being first on the ground. Ien are first committed to those who first seek to serve them—ommitted before they have formed other convictions. Except in he western missionary jurisdictions, it has been the habit of the 'hurch to follow instead of leading other religious organizations. 'he advantage of acquiring property and selecting the best locaions are all with those who come earliest. The community is nitted by many common interests and experiences of life to any ublic organization which grows up with it. The patriarch of the ommunity has a character and influence because he is the patrirch. The earliest years of a Diocese ought, therefore, to be the ears of its greatest liberality and activity in missionary work.

WORK FROM CENTERS.

It must become a matter of serious practical inquiry whether in ertain given cases it would not be a wiser expenditure of missionry offerings to sustain by them a capable man in some important enter where by a more than usual effort the Church could certainy be established, and where its influence would be permanent and ar-reaching, than to maintain points occupied along many years vithout advancement and with small appreciation of the help that as been rendered to them; or than to take up smaller points that fforded little or no hope of growth.

LIMITED ITINERACY.

Another subject of practical inquiry which experience in certain portions of the Diocese the last year has prepared the way for, is the propriety of enlarging what may be called "a limited itineracy." It will happen that by removals, or the reduced circumstances of those who have been main supporters, or some other cause, a station cannot contribute as much as formerly to the support of its own worship. The Board does not feel authorized to expend the same amount upon this station as formerly, but still feels that services must be maintained there. Within easy reach, are, perhaps, three or four other stations, no two or even three of them able to sustain a Clergyman. It may be that three of these five points have received separately missionary aid. Near these, in the same or an adjoining county, are several more points of nearly or quite equal importance that have no services. Is not the best way of serving these points, to concentrate the missionary appropriations upon an itinerant, who will give regular but fewer services at each of the old points and extend his work to the new, which otherwise would not be reached? Then we shall not lose what has been done, can make our expenditure with more just relation to the existing condition, and all the time be in a position to meet the invitation and the wants of new places. It is the opinion of your Board that there are portions of the Diocese in which such a plan as this ought to be put in operation, aside from Van Buren County, where it has had a highly encouraging trial.

RELATION OF THE BOARD TO WORK OF LONG STANDING.

Another subject of mere inquiry: Has this Board any relation to those places where there is a parish and building for worship, and where a number of Church members reside who would be glad to attend our services, but where from various causes the Church building is kept closed from the beginning to the end of the year, with no definite promise of an improved condition of affairs, "and the sheep are scattered, and not a few lost for want of a Shepherd?" Has this Board any responsibility for worship in such points as these? In some instances it is the result of its own work in past years that is being squandered.

BRETHREN: The report of the Board of Missions is closed, and it only remains to speak of

THE COMING YEAR.

We are here to-night with less than the usual formality of the Convention routine. This gathering is a missionary meeting. That means a company of Christ's servants assembled in His name, under the Benediction of prayer already offered for Divine help and the presence of the Holy Ghost, to take counsel with one another about the Master's work. Many lost sheep are still wandering and unshepherded. Many souls are waiting for the knowledge of the faith once for all delivered to the saints; and the faith which our Common Mother, the Church has preserved and transmitted through the ages. Thousands would embrace sound doctrine if they could be brought into contact with it. Shall we turn a deaf ear to these calls, or, respond to them as God has given us the ability? In our offerings and pledges, let us be liberal; in our prayers for the Holy Ghost let us be earnest and importunate, and let us not withdraw our hand from the work, that this Diocese may move steadily forward in her mission of winning immortal souls to the faith, the love and the service of Jesus Christ.

Short addresses followed on the subject of Missions by the Rev. Dr. McMurdy, Rev. Robert Wood, Rev. J. F. Conover and Bishop Gillespie, after which Pledges were made to the Board of Missions, as follows:

PARISHES.

Allegan, Good Shepherd, [S S-10]	$ 50 00	Ionia, S. John's	$ 10 00
Battle Creek, S. Thomas' [S S-5]	50 00	Kalamazoo, S. John's [S S-10]	40 00
Coldwater, S. Mark's [S S-10]	75 00	Kalamazoo, S. Luke's	300 00
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's [S S-10]	10 00	Ludington, Grace	10 00
Grand Haven, S. John's	50 00	Marshall, Trinity	125 00
Grand Rapids, Grace	25 00	Muskegon, S. Paul's [S S-5]	40 00
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's	400 00	Niles, Trinity	100 00
Grand Rapids, S. Paul's	15 00	Saranac, Trinity	10 00
Hastings, Emmanuel [S S-5]	65 00	Saugatuck, All Saints' [S S-5]	20 00
Holland, Grace	20 00	Traverse City, Grace	30 00
Homer, Christ	10 00	Whitehall, Redeemer	15 00

MISSIONS.

Evart, S. John's	$ 5 00	Quincy, S. John's	$10 00
Gr'd Rapids, Good Shep'd [S S-5] (of which by J. W. Champlin, 10, and by Mr. Sweet, for a lady, 10.)	25 00	Sturgis, S. John's	5 00
		Tustin, Swedes'	3 00
		Montague	10 00
Hersey, Grace	10 00	Van Buren County Mission	12 00
Pentwater, S. James'	5 00	Mis'n S. S., S. Mark's Gr'd Rapids	10 00

INDIVIDUALS.

Mrs. B. F. Sheldon, Coopersville	$ 5 00	Rt. Rev. G. D. Gillespie, D. D.	$10 00
N. B. Scribner	5 00	Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer	15 00
D. G. Robinson	10 00	" W. Matthias	5 00
C. P. Dibble	10 00	" R. Wood	10 00
Mrs. Robinson's S. S. class	2 00	" W. W. Fellows	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. Sweet	20 00	" A. C. Lewis	5 00
A member Ch. Good Sh. Allegan	10 00	" E. W. Flower for a lady in Berlin	5 00
Thomas Friant	20 00	" J. W. Bancroft	10 00
Rev. Dr. McMurdy	10 00		

Parishes	$1,410
Sunday Schools	65
Missions	90
Individuals	157
Total	$1,722

N. B.—The Pledges of Sunday Schools are given in brackets and *included* in the total pledge of each Parish.

On motion of Mr. L. C. Chapin, the consideration of that part of the Bishop's Address referring to the Parish of S. James, Albion, was transferred from the Committee on Extinct Parishes to a special committee of four, consisting of Rev. J. T. Magrath, Rev. S. H. Woodford, Mr. W. B. Williams, Mr. C. F. Bock.

The Chair announced the Rev. Mr. Stout as Chairman of the Committee on Extinct Parishes, in place of the Rev. Mr. Spalding, who desired to be excused, and the addition of Rev. Mr. Brittain to the same Committee.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8 : 30 O'CLOCK A. M.

In Divine Service the Bishop was assisted by the Rev. Charles H. Canfield of the Diocese of Wisconsin, the Rev. H. B. Whittemore, the Rev. William Brittain, the Rev. P. A. Almquist, and the Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer, Rector of the Parish.

The Rolls of the Clergy and Lay Delegates were called by the Secretaries and corrected. The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, amended and accepted.

The Committee on the Admission of Churches into Union with the Convention reported that no business had been placed before them.

The Registrar of the Diocese submitted his Report, which was accepted.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

The Registrar respectfully reports that the Bishop has very generously set apart a room in his own hired house, and furnished it with shelves, for the use of the Registrar's department.

The following is a list of the various Journals, documents and books in the department.

DIOCESAN JOURNALS.

Alabama, 1860, 1875-6-7-8. Albany, 1875-6-7-8-9. Arkansas, 1876-7-8. Connecticut, 1792 to 1847, 1850 to 1860, 1875-6-7-8; wanting, 1848-9, 1852, and 1861 to 1875. California, 1860, 1875-6-7. Central N. Y. 1876-7-8. Central Penn., 1871, 1874-5-6-7. Colorado and Wyoming, 1878. Delaware, 1860, 1875-6-7-8. Easton, 1875-6-7-8. Florida, 1876-7-8. Fond du Lac, 1875-6-7-8. Illinois, 1850, 1871-5-5 special-6-7-8. Indiana, 1860, 1875-6-7-8. Iowa, 1857, 1874-5-6-7-8. Kansas, 1874-5-6-7-8. Kentucky, 1860, 1874-5-6-7-8. Long Island, 1875-6-7-8. Louisiana, 1860, 1875-6-7-8. Maine, 1820 to 1840, 1860, 1875-6-7-8. Maryland, 1861, 1875-6-7-8. Michigan, 1834 to 1878. Mississippi, 1876-7-8. Minnesota, 1875-6-7-8. Missouri, 1875-6. Nebraska, 1875-7. New York, 1785 to 1819, 1859, 1875-6-7. New Hampshire, 1876-8. New Jersey, 1875-6-7-8. Northern N. J., 1874-5-6-7-8. North Carolina, 1860, 1875-6. Northern California, 1875-6. Northern Texas, 1875-6-7-8. Ohio, 1817 to 1827, 1843 to 1862, 1874-5-6. Oregon and Washington, 1875. Penn-

sylvania, 1874-5-6-7. Pittsburg, 1866, 1870-1-4-5-6-7. Quincy, 1878. Rhode Island, 1860, 1875-6-7. Southern Ohio, 1875-6-7. South Carolina, 1860, 1875-6-7-8. Tennessee, 1875-6-7-8. Texas, 1860, 1876. Vermont, 1857 to 1860, 1875-6-7-8. Virginia, 1875-6-7-8. Western Texas, 1875-6-7-8. Western N. Y., 1839 to 1864, 1875-6-7. West Virginia, 1877-8. Wisconsin, 1859, 1869, 1875-6-7.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Journal of the General Convention from 1838 to 1877. The Debates of the House of Deputies in the General Convention, 1868, 1871-4-7.

A complete set of the Spirit of Missions from 1836 to 1877.

The Churchman's Calendar for 1861-2-3-4.

The Protestant Episcopal Almanac from 1864 to 1872.

" " " " and Directory for 1874-5-6-7.

The Church Almanac from 1836 to 1879.

A large collection of pamphlets, consisting of addresses, charges, sermons, etc.

A set each of the Tracts of the Massachusetts Tract Society, of the Episcopal Female Tract Society of Philadelphia, and of the N. Y. Prot. Episcopal Tract Society.

Specimen copies of low-priced Prayer Books, Service and Instruction Books, for S. S. use.

Specimens of Baptismal, Confirmation and Marriage Certificates, and of various blanks for Parochial use.

A sermon delivered by Vicar-General Dr. Brent at the visitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, at All Saints' in Worcester, Jan. 3, 1635.

Barclay's Digest in 1874—Legends and Records—Van Antwerp's Church History, 2 vols.—Hymnal—Catechisings on the Collects—Chapman's Sermons—Truth by C. B. Taylor—Evidences of Christianity, M'Ilvaine—Plain Sermons, 1 vol.—Legion of Feigned Excuses—Chalmer's Commercial Discourses—Lectures on the Lord's Prayer by Williams—Tracts for the Christian Seasons, 3 vols.—Cecil's Works—Nelson on Infidelity—The Pulpit, vols. 1, 2 and 65—Farmer on Miracles—Harmony of the Gospels—Bradley's Practical Sermons—Preacher's Manual—Burder's Village Sermons—Commentary on Hebrews, Stuart, 2 vols.—Elements of Biblical Theology,2 vols.—Theological Institutes, 2 vols.—Lathrop's Sermons—Andrew's Life of our Lord—Horne's Discourses—Cunningham's Sermon's—Channing and Woods—Complete set each of the Church Journal and the Churchman.

A large part of this collection has been given by the Bishop of the Diocese.

To Judge Campbell, Mr. Henry W. Lord, Dr. Schetky, Rev. G. W. Wilson, and the widow of the Rev. Mr. Hurd, acknowledgments are also due for gifts of books and papers.

SIDNEY BECKWITH,
Registrar.

...*The Committee on the Report and Accounts of the Board of Missions* made its

REPORT.

The Committee on the Report and account of the Board of Missions, beg leave to state; that they have had before them the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board, and the report of the Secretary of the same, and after giving them all the consideration that the short time has allowed, would respectfully report: That they have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer with the vouchers, and find the same correct. The amount expended in missionary work during the past year is $1,386.16. By a reference to former Journals of the Convention, it appears that there has been a gradual falling off in the number of missionaries employed, and the amounts of funds given during the past four years, which is especially marked for the year just ended.

Your Committee do not regard this as a ground for any discouragement, but as a call to greater earnestness and zeal. Considering the financial difficulties of the country, and the unsettled state of several of the Parishes, produced mainly thereby, they feel that there is rather occasion for thankfulness, that things are no worse than they are, than for complaint that they are not quite what we would all like them to be. A little greater effort and self-denial on the part of Parishes and individuals would give us a much larger fund for missionary purposes. If our people could be made to feel their *responsibility* in this matter, there would be no difficulty in sustaining the church in many places, where her services are now called for, but, for want of means, cannot be had. The report of the Board of Missions is so full and comprehensive that it leaves little for your Committee to add.

On the relation of the Board to those organized parishes needing aid referred to, your Committee are not prepared to speak, but they believe that there is Canonical provision in the church for the regulation of all matters of this character.

Your Committee would conclude their report with the following resolutions:

I. Resolved, That the growth and prosperity of the Diocese depend essentially upon the maintenance and expansion of our missionary operations, and that it is the plain duty of every one connected with the church to do all he can by his prayers, his alms and his influence to promote in our midst the great cause of the Blessed Redeemer.

II. Resolved, That the suggestion of the Secretary in reference to centres for missionary operations and influence be commended

to the serious consideration of the Board, to take such action herein as to them may seem advisable.

III. Resolved, That each clergyman be requested to disseminate such information among his people as may be likely to develope an enlightened zeal for missions, and also to form such organizations that contributions for missionary purposes may be systematically and regularly collected.

IV. Resolved, That the weekly pledge system seems best calculated to secure the largest amounts with the least burden and inconvenience to the donors.

V. Resolved, That our thanks are due to the Great Head of the Church for the success that has hitherto crowned our faltering efforts to make known His truth, and that we earnestly invoke a great outpouring of the Divine Spirit upon our land that the glad time may be hastened on, foretold in prophecy, when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth.

JOS. S. LARGE.
E. W. FLOWER.
A. B. TAYLOR.

The Report was accepted.

The resolutions accompanying the report were considered and adopted, and the report as a whole was then adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted its report. The report was re-committed for the purpose of greater particularity.

The Committee on Christian Education submitted its report, which having been read, was re-committed for alteration by the Committee.

Leave of absence was granted for the rest of the session to the Rev. H. B. Whittemore.

The Committee on Canons submitted a part of its

REPORT.

The Committee on Canons to whom was referred the proposition of Rev. S. H. Woodford to amend Canon VIII. Sec. I., by adding to the Section the words,—"and that the form of the financial part of said report shall be under the heading of receipts and expenditures," recommend that the suggestion contained in the amendment be referred to the Bishop for any change in the form of Parochial Report that he may deem necessary or expedient.

The Committee recommend as proposed by the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, that the title of the Third Standing Committee, as given in Canon II., on page 8, of the Constitution and Canons, be amended by omitting the words "of the Board of Trustees," in the seventh line from the bottom of the page. So that it will read—"On the report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan."

The Committee report to the Convention without recommendation the Canon relating to Communicants proposed by Rev. Dr. Geo. P. Schetky, the Committee being equally divided upon its provisions.

The Committee ask leave for further consideration of the other proposed Canons before them until the special Committees by which they have been prepared, shall have reported.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. CONOVER,
R. McMURDY,
W. B. WILLIAMS,
J. W. WOOD,
Committee.

After some discussion of the first recommendation of the Committee, it was adopted. The second recommendation was adopted without discussion by a rising vote, forty-four in favor and none against.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. McMurdy, the consideration of the third recommendation of the Committee was postponed to the afternoon session.

The Committee on Church Literature presented its

REPORT.

Your Committee gladly call the attention of the members of this Convention to a subject, which is rightly entitled to the earnest and careful consideration of the Christian Church.

In an age, which more truly than any of its predecessors, may be called the age of reading, the duty of the church is at once plain and imperative. Science, falsely so-called, now and then in the most outspoken manner, but far oftener indirectly; Infidelity, sometimes roughly and coarsely, sometimes with a show of refinement and subtilty; Vice, by every method which it can safely employ, are engaged with an appalling assiduity in circulating a literature, whose only tendency can be to weaken, pollute, and degrade alike the bodies and the souls of our people. On the street corners, in news depots, in the railway car, in the ordinary book store are ex-

posed for sale with utter impunity, prints, which, less than a generation since, would have brought well-deserved odium, if not severe punishment, upon the readers.

The reason generally assigned for their course of action, by those engaged in the sale of such publications, viz: that the public demand them, is, of itself, one of the most startling and saddening "signs of the times." Is there not an urgent call for the church, in this day, not only to do what she can by way of counteracting these influences, so incompatible with the best interests of society, but also to take advantage of the unparalleled craving on the part, especially of our youth, for reading matter, by judiciously preparing and zealously circulating a pure and elevating literature? Of volumes of an expensive kind for the explanation and defense of the truth, as, *e. g.* Commentaries on Holy Scripture, books on evidence of Christianity, and Church History, we have an abundance. But one of the greatest wants of our time is the publication of books and pamphlets of a high order of ability, and yet so *low* in price that they can successfully compete with their irreligious rivals, for the popular favor.

It is a cause of rejoicing that within a few years, our Tract Literature, as far as it relates to the principles, practices, and customs of the church, has been very greatly improved. Could these tracts be put before the public in a form at once attractive and *cheap*, as is the case with the publications of several Denominations of Christians around us, it might be said, that we had almost, if not quite won the victory desired *for this class* of Christian Literature.

And yet how much is left unsupplied, or very inadequate, in the field of Sunday School literature. In regard to helps for Sunday School teachers, and for the home study of the Bible by parents and children—with one or two promising exceptions—where can we find them put forth, wisely arranged and carefully prepared, under the auspices of the Church?

Notwithstanding ours is a church of culture and wealth, the humiliating, but self-evident fact must be admitted, that we fall far behind more than one Christian body, in bringing to bear upon our Church work the mighty and far-reaching power of the Press.

It may be said that we can resort to the valuable publications of the celebrated societies of the Church of England.

No doubt, we cannot fully appreciate the benefit we have derived in the past, or that we are receiving in the present from that mother Church, at whose altars human learning has for centuries been the handmaid of Christian Faith.

And still we can but refer to the sentiments of one of the most scholarly, devout, and practical Bishops the American Church has

ever known, who in a sermon preached before the Church Book Society, of New York, said: "The Church in America should not be the mere echo of the Church in England. A fresher life might breathe through the literature of a younger nation. It belongs to a Republic, and to a missionary Communion. The very causes of our inability to cope with the past, the smallness of our numbers, and the limited influence, which we maintain among this, so great people, might aid us to develop a peculiar and an independent, a modest and yet a beautiful style of domestic, educational, and sacred letters. We are destined also to growth, and I had almost said, but for the proud sound, we must lay all foundations as if for ultimate predominance, but certainly for perpetuity. We would, then, press upon your attention the need of, and demand for, not only cheap editions of the Bible, Prayer Book, and general missionary publications, but also of volumes and tracts set forth in a popular way, for the defense of the Truth, or for illustrating the "beauty and strength," inhering in the holy teaching and usages of the Historic Church.

Modern denominations enjoy the blessings of a literature, furnished at reasonable rates, and placed within the reach of the lowliest.

Why cannot the Church of the ages devise means for thus blessing her children, and the thousands of strangers, who would gladly become her adopted children, if they only knew her as she is?

We cannot close our report without referring to the position and work of the church news-paper, whatever may be the merits or deficiencies of such as are more general in their character, this is clear, that at present the subscription price places them beyond the reach of the large majority of our church people.

This fact, among other causes, has led to the establishment of weekly, fortnightly, or monthly papers devoted chiefly to the interests of a single Diocese, or the Dioceses of a single State. It can hardly be construed as ungenerous, or as forgetful of many praiseworthy efforts amid many difficulties, if it is said, that these papers have not as yet come up to the standard which they may reasonably be expected to reach.

That there is ample opportunity for the work of such a paper in the Dioceses of Michigan, and Western Michigan, is an assertion which requires no proof. The question, How can we have such a paper for weekly or monthly distribution admits of but two answers.

We may either, as a Diocese, *informally* assume the charge and support of a paper of our own, or we may co-operate jointly with the clergy and people of the Diocese of Michigan in publishing a

paper in some respects like that which for several years has done a good work, under the name of "Our Dioceses."

Reasons of no little weight might be assigned for the *latter* course. Such a paper would become a bond of union between the Dioceses.

It ought to be a better and stronger paper, for the same money, than we could publish by ourselves. The united effort of the two Dioceses ought *easily* to support a *weekly* paper, while it would probably be inexpedient for one Diocese *alone* to undertake more than a *monthly* issue.

Such a paper, with its varied and excellent "table of contents," heartily and steadfastly sustained by the members of both Dioceses, devoted especially to local church work, and the dissemination of missionary intelligence, *furnished* at a price which would place it withinthe hands of every church family in the State, would be a power for good, whose influence we cannot possibly measure.

Your Committee, in conclusion, cannot refrain from asking the members of this Convention to take into their serious and candid consideration the question: How can we *best* obtain the benefit of a sound, reliable, and live Diocesan paper?

JOHN T. MAGRATH.
S. H. WOODFORD.
W. SCOTT.
F. V. TAYLOR.

The report was adopted.

The *Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention*, etc., submitted its

REPORT.

The Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, would respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of T. P. Sheldon, Treasurer, for the year 1878-'79, and compared the vouchers therewith and found the same correct.

G. F. EDWARDS.
JOHN ROOST.
M. W. RIKER.

The report was adopted.

The *Committee on Unfinished Business* made its

REPORT.

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that they find that the following Committees are to report to this Convention:

1. A Committee to act jointly with similar Committee of Michigan in matters for which Legislative action may be desired.
2. A Committee to report, if advisable, a Canon to enable a Parish to become a Mission.
3. A Committee to gather statistics as to the tenure of Church Property in the Diocese.
4. A Committee in reference to Parochial Organizations for Relief, Assurance and Fraternity.

WILLIAM BRITTAIN.
THOS. WOODHAMS.

The report was accepted.

The Convention took a recess until 2 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Chair announced the substitution of the Rev. R. Wood as a member of the Committee on Christian Education in place of the Rev. Mr. Whittemore, granted leave of absence.

The Committee on the Report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan presented its

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan respectfully report:

That they have examined the report referred to them and have duly considered the financial exhibit therein contained. It appears that the resources of the Diocese are yearly growing less, and at a rate that is truly alarming as well as discouraging. Over seven thousand dollars of the principal of the Episcopal Fund is report-

ed by the Trustees as worthless. There is real estate valued at one thousand and eight hundred dollars that is unproductive and upon which the Association pays taxes. The bond and mortgage of Terrence McGee for twenty-five thousand dollars has ceased to produce income and is now involved in the expense of foreclosure.

The Trustees have reported a probable income for the coming year, the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, and a deficit to be provided for of $2,025.00.

Bearing in mind the resources and liabilities of the Diocese as above stated, your Committee have passed to the consideration of the expediency of erecting a residence for the Bishop, under the conditions stated in the report of the Trustees.

The lot upon which it is proposed to erect this structure is situated on Fountain street, in this city, and is to be donated by Mr. George Kendall. The proposition to donate this lot was made by Mr. Kendall to the Trustees of the Association in 1875, and the deed was to be made when the Association should in good faith commence the erection of the dwelling—the deed to be absolute and unconditional. Mr. Kendall, however, in making the offer, limited the time to four years, which expires by limitation the present year.

Your Committee have had an interview with Mr. Kendall, and he has agreed to extend to the Association the refusal of the lot for —— years longer upon condition that it pay the taxes hereafter assessed upon the lot while it retains the refusal.

Your Committee have visited the lot and can state to the Convention that it is in a good neighborhood and is a valuable lot. It is suitable for the purpose.

The plan reported by the Trustees is to build a residence upon this lot, and they have prepared a detailed plan and have estimated that it can be built for $3,500.00. They propose to use the cash on hand belonging to the Episcopal Fund, amounting to about $1,500.00, and to encumber the property for $2,000.00 to obtain the balance of the necessary means. They have not yet obtained bids for the work, and as to whether the estimate of the cost made by the architect and the price of the builder would agree is problematical, and is a question which your Committee feel disposed to leave for those to answer who have tested the matter by experience.

Considering the present discouraging state of the finances, as shown by the report of the Trustees, your Committee have no hesitation in advising you of their decided objection to embarking in the enterprise of building a residence for the Bishop at the present time, as it would necessitate the creation of an additional liability of at least two thousand dollars, and probably much more, which,

however easy to incur, will have to be met and paid, or suffer the loss of all money invested in the enterprise.

Your Committee submit that this Diocese is not in a condition to assume additional liabilities, especially as they are unable to devise means to meet existing liabilities.

The Convention can preserve the opportunity which Mr. Kendall has proffered by accepting his proposition hereto attached and made a part of this report. The amount of taxes it is not possible to state, as this lot has been hitherto assessed with other lots belonging to Mr. Kendall as one parcel.

This Convention should take steps to provide means to meet the deficiency reported by the Trustees.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. P. SCHETKY.
J. W. CHAMPLIN.
WM. A. WOOD.

The report was accepted and adopted by a vote of 14 to 7.

The Report of the Committee on Christian Education, as amended, was accepted and adopted.

REPORT.

A human being enters into this world with a nature of a triple form, body, mind and spirit. A true education will require the due development of each of these parts; if either is developed out of proportion, it is at the expense of the other; moreover they must be developed simultaneously; education must have reference to the entire being, otherwise you are developing a one-sided being, deformed from that symmetrical being God would have him, perhaps a monster who will do much injury to himself and to society.

We know too from our knowledge and observation of man, that the important period of this education is in the early period of life; he is very much in after years what the education of his early years has made him. What is neglected in childhood and youth can scarcely ever be made good; and this is especially true of the education of the higher or spiritual nature of man.

As we look about us what do we see as the method pursued in the education of the children, as a rule? People everywhere alive to the importance of the physical and intellectual development of the young, while the spiritual development is either entirely neglected or attended to in the feeblest manner and by the most inconsequential methods—thirty hours a week to the training of the mind by the best intellectual appliances, perhaps one hour in the week in the Sunday School to the training of the highest part of man's

nature—the time and methods devoted to the education of youth in the family and school are to stimulating and sharpening the mind, and filling it with secular information, accompanied at best with only occasional loose and ineffectual references to religion, truth and duty—an education which gives sharpness to the mental faculties while it leaves the conscience in the feebleness of infancy; which does not reach man's loftiest attributes; does not form the soul to the love of good, the abhorrence of evil; does not purify the affections, educate the conscience or enthrone the fear and love of God in the heart; does not train and exercise it to yield a supreme control over the passions.

And what will be the consequence of this course, we have not to wait in order to see; we have a generation grown up under this training, many of whom are deformed and one-sided men and women, the lower faculties enlarged and invigorated and the higher dormant; sharp, scheming, hollow and unscrupulous. We lay to the charge of this one-sided development much of the responsibility for the unprecedented financial and social wickedness of the day, the hollowness and pretense of social life, its corruption as manifested in the divorce courts, the absconding clerks, the defaulting bank officers, the well prepared bankruptcies, the too often questionable purity of the Judge's ermine, and the legislator's honor.

The great scoundrels of society are not those within the prison walls, but the men at large, whose mental faculties have been developed (with little or no development of the spiritual ones, although they may be eminent professors of religion), so that they are able to evade the laws and outwit the officers thereof.

Deficiency of Christian education—How is the Church to meet this condition of things?

By placing unqualified emphasis upon the true education of the children.

By pressing persistently upon those whom we can reach by our influence and teaching, the duty of a complete education which shall include in its scope *all* the child's nature, the spiritual part as well as the intellectual and physical. For God has made the child naturally inclined to receive religious instruction. To impress upon parents that they are the first divinely appointed religious instructors of the young; that to send children from home without a religious education, feebly hoping that when they come to adult years some religious interest will seize them, and turn them into the way of eternal life, is to commit the greatest parental folly. To ask for a larger and more regular attendance of the children upon the services of the Church, that the spirit of the Prayer Book, that best

manual of religious instruction in existence, may penetrate and permeate their hearts, for the worship of the sanctuary is as much for the children as for the adults. The Sunday School is no substitute for it. A congregation of adults is a dying congregation. Much of the value and beauty of a worshiping assembly consists in its being composed of families. Our Saviour in his commission to his ministry speaks twice for the children, once for the adult, with that deep philosophy which is evident to the thinking of every generation since, that the Church can accomplish its great work far more effectually with the young.

To ask for more than one hour in the week for special pastoral instruction that the Catechism, so much sneered at by popular lecturers, may be well learned, and all other things which a Christian ought to learn to his soul's health, even if they do lose a little of the instruction of the secular schools thereby. And in a wider sphere to establish all over our country schools and universities that shall be behind none in the thoroughness of intellectual culture and training, but which shall be endowed with high religious principles and permeated with the gospel of Jesus Christ, applied to the susceptible and glad hearts of the pupils.

JOHN L. TAYLOR.
WILLIAM MATTHIAS.
CLEMENT WAKELEE.

The Convention proceeded to "Elections."

The Rev. G. E. Peters and Mr. J. W. Wood were appointed by the Chair, Tellers of the election of Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast, 33; and Mr. T. P. Sheldon is elected unanimously.

GERRET E. PETERS.
JAMES W. WOOD.

The Chair appointed the Rev. S. H. Woodford and Mr. James Snow, Tellers of the election of Registrar.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

The Rev. Sidney Beckwith has received 33 votes, and is elected.

SIDNEY H. WOODFORD.
JAMES SNOW.

The Chair appointed as Tellers of the election of the Standing Committee, the Rev. A. C. Lewis, and Mr. Alonzo Platt.

The Tellers having retired, *the Committee on Extinct Parishes* presented their

REPORT.

S. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

In the case of the Parish of S. Paul's, Greenville, the Committee appointed at last Convention recommended "that another year be given the members of the Parish that they may have an opportunity to vindicate their loyalty." The present Committee do not find that this has been done.

They therefore recommend that in accordance with Canon III, Section 2, and Section 3 of Article VI. of Constitution, said Parish of S. Paul's, Greenville, be hereby dropped from list of Parishes in union with the Convention, it appearing that the needs and desires of the earnest Church people can be best ministered to by a Mission organization under the Canon.

S. PAUL'S CHURCH, MENDON.

It appears from the Treasurer's Report that S. Paul's, Mendon, having failed to pay the last two assessments, is by Art. VI., Sec. 2 of Constitution, debarred from representation in the Convention of the Diocese; and from this and other causes affecting the well-being of the Parish financially and spiritually, in not using its opportunities and means for the furtherance of the work of the Church; the Committee therefore recommend that one more year be given the Parish to take such action as will make it evident that it wishes to retain its organization and existence.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. JOSEPH.

The Bishop in his address says: "This Parish has no life to entitle it longer to a place on the list of Parishes. Of their own free will they called a Rector about the time of the last Convention. At the end of four months he found that promises were not payment. A bill for the Missionary's board and a subscription paper with names and sums nearly sufficient to meet it, has been before me, but the one was urged and the other disowned."

Also a part of the salary of a former Rector remains unpaid.

This report and recommendation of the Bishop is made under provision of Canon III., Sec. 2. This case seems to be a sad one, and the condition of things there anything but satisfactory to this Convention or honorable to that Parish.

There seems to be little hope that any good will result from retaining longer this Parish on our list of Parishes.

If the Parish should be dissolved, the wants of the earnest Christian people living there could be provided for under our Missionary Canon, and perhaps much better than under a Parish organization.

Therefore your Committee submit the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Bishop, Christ Church, St. Joseph, be and is hereby stricken from the list of Parishes in union with this Convention.

CHAS. T. STOUT,
L. C. CHAPIN,
THOMAS FRIANT,
Committee.

The recommendation of the Committee in reference to the case of S. Paul's, Greenville, was adopted. Pending the motion to adopt their recommendation in reference to S. Paul's, Mendon, Mr. T. M. Sheriff was permitted to state the situation of that Parish, and the Rev. S. C. M. Orpen addressed the Convention upon the same subject, after which the recommendation of the Committee was adopted. The case of Christ Church, St. Joseph, was then acted upon, and the resolution proposed by the Committee was adopted by a vote of 23 to 10.

The Rev. John L. Taylor proposed an amendment to Article VI. of the Constitution, by the addition of the following, to the numbered Section 5.

All general officers of the Diocese, not included in the above sections, shall be entitled to seats in the Convention.

After some discussion the proposed amendment was laid on the table.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast for Standing Committee, 40. Necessary to a choice, 21. The Rev. J. F. Conover has received 39 votes; the Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer, 37; the Rev. J. T. Magrath, 38; the Rev. H. J. Cooke, 24; Mr. Alonzo Platt, 32; Mr. L. C. Chapin, 35; Mr. D. J. Arnold, 25.

A. C. LEWIS.
ALONZO PLATT.

Leave of absence for the rest of the session was granted to Mr. J. H. Montgomery.

The report of the (Joint) Legislative Committee was presented and referred to the Committee on Canons.

REPORT.

The undersigned, a Special Committee appointed at the last annual Convention of this Diocese, for the object and purposes expressed in the following resolution adopted by the said Convention, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to confer with a similar Committee of the Diocese of Michigan, in regard to laws of this State pertaining to the organization of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the tenure of Church property, and the power and authority of the Wardens and Vestrymen in regard thereto, with power to take such action as in the judgment of such Joint Committee shall be for the best interests of the Church,"—

See page 40, *Journal of* 1878.

respectfully report:

That a Committee consisting of the Rev. Marcus Lane, of Flint, and the Hons. Henry W. Lord, of Detroit, and Henry W. Rogers, of Ann Arbor, was appointed with similar powers and duties by the Diocese of Michigan at its last annual Convention.

That the Rev. Marcus Lane, as Chairman and in behalf of said Committee, submitted in October or November of last year amendments and suggestions in regard thereto, prepared by that Committee, to the laws of the State, "providing for the organization of Protestant Episcopal Churches."

That such suggestions and amendments were duly considered by your Committee, and amendments to Sections 5, 6, and 7, and a new Section to stand as Section 8, of "An Act to provide for the Organization of Protestant Episcopal Churches," were prepared and forwarded to the Committee for the Diocese of Michigan, and afterwards, on the evening of Tuesday, the 7th day of January last, both Committees met at Lansing, and agreed to a bill to amend said organic Act, which was drawn up and placed in the hands of Hon. G. H. Hopkins of Detroit, one of the Representatives of Wayne county, who kindly consented to introduce and take charge of the bill in the House, and whose aid in the introduction and consideration of it was of great service to the Committee, and he is entitled to our sincere thanks therefor.

A copy of the bill so prepared by the Joint Committee, and presented for the consideration of the House, is herewith submitted, being printed bill, File No. 3.

The Committees did not deem it to have been the purpose of the Convention of either Diocese to recommend any material or substantial change in the organic law, but to define and make clear those questions which were being mooted, in regard to the qualifications of voters at Parish meetings, and in regard to the tenure of Church property.

That, acting upon that theory, the amendment to Section 5 was proposed, retaining the specific qualifications of the original law, except that the right of the original corporators was placed upon the same footing as all others, namely, "stated worshipers" and "stated contributors," and then defined who should be considered "stated worshipers" and "stated contributors."

The amendment to this Section further provided for public notice of the time and place for holding the annual Parish meeting, the mode of electing Vestrymen, their term of service, and for a full record of the proceedings to be kept by the Secretary of the Vestry.

The amendment to Section 6 provided for the election of Wardens by ballot, and for notice of Vestry meetings.

The amendments to Section 7 contained the most substantial changes, or more properly definitions, of the law, in regard to the tenure of Church property, and the mode of alienating or encumbering the same, and the power of the Parish to hold and convey real estate, limiting the term for such holding, when it is not necessary for the purposes of the Church, to ten years, in accordance with the Constitution of the State.

Your Committee are of the opinion that this was the most important amendment of the law, as it clearly defines and fixes titles to real estate and the mode of disposing of the same, which under the law, as it existed, was a matter of great doubt and uncertainty.

Your Committee would respectfully urge the careful attention of the Convention to the Section for its details.

In view of these amendments it was thought desirable that the records of the proceedings of the Vestry and of the Parish meetings should be always open to the inspection of persons interested, and that they should be *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated, and Section 8 was added for that purpose.

The bill was reported by the Committee on Religious and Benevolent Societies to the House, without amendment, on the 15th day of January, but when it was reached for consideration, a motion was made to strike out the word "male" in the 5th Section, which after a very thorough discussion was stricken out, and without any other important amendment it passed the House. The Senate Committee to whom it was referred, believing that the Church should be permitted to designate the qualifications of its voters, restored the word, and the Senate concurred, and passed the bill. The House, however, refused to concur in the Senate amendment, and the bill went to a Committee of Conference, where it remained without any definite conclusion or agreement until about the 15th of the present month, when the Conferees agreed upon a substitute

for the bill, amending Section 4, as well as Sections 5, 6 and 7, so as to leave the qualifications of voters at the *organization of the Parish*, as at the subsequent meetings, to be determined by the "Laws of the Church." The report of the Conference Committees has been adopted by both the House and the Senate, and was ordered to take immediate effect, and the Article as amended has now become the law by the approval of the Governor on the 27th instant.

A copy of the Law as now amended is herewith submitted.*

It would probably have failed to become the law in consequence of the disagreement between the House and the Senate, had it not been for the earnest efforts of the Rev. Marcus Lane, Chairman of the Committee of the Diocese of Michigan, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Clark, Rector of the Church at Lansing, to bring about a compromise, and at whose suggestion the matter was referred to the "Laws of the Church." This leaves each Diocese free to fix the qualifications of voters. In conclusion your Committee would suggest, that, if the Convention desire the specific definition of voters, and to confine it to male persons as originally introduced, it can be obtained by amending Section 2 of Canon IX. of the Canons of this Diocese. If the Convention, should desire to extend the right to females as well as males, it will be accomplished by striking out of the amendment the word "male," or by a simple amendment to the Canon to that effect.

Your Committee take this opportunity to return thanks to the Senate Committee for the earnest effort made by that Committee to give the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State such an organic law as its Committee asked for in its behalf.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

May 28th, 1870.

W. B. WILLIAMS,
J. W. CHAMPLIN,
G. F. EDWARDS.
Committee.

The Committee on the State of the Church submitted its

REPORT.

In reviewing the *state of the Church* in this Diocese during the past Conventional year, your Committee, in the light of the information available to them would respectfully submit; that in their judgment the aspect of affairs is by no means discouraging; but on the contrary, full (under God's continuing blessing) of blessed promise.

*The amended Act will be found among the Appendices of this Journal. See the Index.

It is true that the number of candidates confirmed has been less numerous than in some previous years; but the number of additions to the Communion are by no means an infallible indication of the real prosperity of the Church, either in a Parish or a Diocese.

Indeed, the statistical spirit, to which the Church is addicted, is very nearly allied to the disposition to "number the people," which in the older dispensation God so severely reprehended and so sternly rebuked. Let the Church in our day be cautious, lest she fall into the like evil and incur the like condemnation.

And, perhaps what at first aspect appears a factor of discouragement, may be in reality a propitious indication; an element of encouragement. It may actually be the benign result of our Bishop's faithful and oft reiterated counsels (uttered again and again in every part of the Diocese) against the perversion of confirmation into a sort of *opus operatum* ordinance; and the presentation of spiritually immature, and doctrinally unprepared candidates for this salutary and Apostolic means of grace.

Better, far better improve the spiritual quality of our candidates for the Holy Communion, for this, in our judgment, is involved in confirmation, than to covet merely an increase in the numbers of the same.

Doubtless, (and we should lack a rational Christian faith in the Divinely promised efficacy of wisely conceived, prayerfully inaugurated, dilligently pursued and indefatigably persistent efforts of our Diocesan and his devoted Clergy and Laity, could we doubt it,) the spiritual condition of our Parishes and Missions is steadily improving, although the statistical aspect of the same (in the numerical reports of candidates for confirmation) may *seem* like a diminution. It was to the comparatively few, (sifted by a divinely designated test out of a great multitude) to whom under Gideon "faint yet pursuing," God in ancient times, gave the victory.

In the matter of the apparent falling off of interest in the missionary work of the Diocese, as would seem to be indicated in the shrinkage (in some cases) in the pledges made last evening for that work, your Committee would also endeavor to guard you against unreasonable discouragement. Some of the Parishes, it is true, did reduce the amount of their pledges as compared with the previous year. On the other hand *others* increased the amount of *their* obligations. And when the fact is understood that the balance in the Treasury (which remains over from last year) will, with the amount which was pledged last evening, bring up the funds which are available for the present year to what was at the disposal of the Board last year,—we need not feel despondent at the diminution of some of the pledges last evening. It would have been grateful to all our hearts could we have fully realized the amour

requested by the Board; but the pecuniary pressure of the times is peculiarly severe in some of our Parishes and Missions at this time, and allowance must be made for this fact in our estimation of our Diocesan Missionary affairs. It is the judgment of your Committee however, and they so recommend, accordingly:—that no Parish shall be content to contribute merely what it has thus pledged, but shall endeavor, in addition, to give whatever in the course of the year it may be able to do; should its pecuniary ability improve.

There is one point in the Bishop's Address to which your Committee would request your particular attention, viz:—Church entertainments for the purpose of raising funds for religious or other benevolent objects.

It is profoundly pernicious to the interests not only of sound Christian sentiment and piety, but demoralizing even in a secular aspect for any Church to employ *gambling* in any of its Protean shapes in such entertainments as are popularly styled "Bazars, or Socials."

It is, also, we submit, inconsistent with the unworldly profession of the Church, to admit of what is called "round dances," theatrical performances, and card-playing at such Socials;—but while the abuse or perversion (in such ways) of the Church Social or Bazar is to be deprecated and emphatically denounced, the *wise* and *moderate* use of such entertainments is not to be censured or forbidden; for as observation and experience testify they may be beneficial in a community—first:—by elevating and purifying the social amusements of the people, and secondly, by utilizing the same for the promotion of the pecuniary interests of the Church in various ways, and affording a legitimate field of activity and usefulness for such persons as in no other way can aid in Parish or other benevolent work.

It is the opinion of your Committee that the principle to be applied to this whole matter of Church Socials and Bazars is "*so use them as not abusing them.*"

Your Committee, in conclusion, would affirm as their judgment that, contrasting the present condition of this Diocese in all respects with the aspect of the field covered by it just previously to the inauguration of this Diocese, the prospect is in a very high degree satisfactory, and should elicit our thanksgiving to Almighty God.

In judging of *spiritual* work we err if we expect to trace progress at brief intervals. All true Religious growth is, in general, so slow as almost to elude discernment step by step in its progress. "Go and stand by the sea-beach, and you will think that the ceaseless flux and reflux is but retrogression equal to the advance. But look again in an hour's time, and the whole ocean has advanced,

Every advance has been beyond the last, and every retrograde movement has been an imperceptible trifle less than the last. This is progress; *to be estimated at the end of hours, not minutes.* And this is Christian progress. Many a fluctuation—many a backward motion with a rush at times so vehement that all seems lost; but ** every (seeming) failure has been a real gain; and the next does not carry us so far back as we were before. Every advance is a real gain and part of it is never lost ** This is the faith and patience of the saints."—*Robertson.*

And so comparing our condition to-day with what it was, not last year merely, but some years ago, we may thankfully recognize that in every desirable sense, *real progress has been made.* Certainly in the harmony which pervades our Diocese; the entire unity of sentiment in Church Polity, Theological Doctrine, and methods of Church Work; in the affectionate interests cherished by the Clergy for one another; in the devoted love for our Bishop which is universally felt by both Laity and Clergy amongst us; and last but not least, in the steady improvement, theological and spiritual, so manifest in the sustained and growing interest which characterizes our Convocational gatherings in this Diocese, we have every reason to rejoice in the state of the Church amongst us at this present date.

GEORGE D. E. MORTIMER,
ROBERT WOOD,
HERBERT J. COOK,
J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
W. R. SHELBY,
Committee.

The Report was adopted.

The *Committee* on the advisability of a Canon to *enable a Parish to become a Mission* presented its Report.*

The Report was accepted and the proposed Canon in it was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The *Committee* to gather statistics as to the *Tenure of Church Property* in the Diocese, reported progress and asked for further time, which was granted.

The *Committee in reference to Parochial Organizations for Relief, Assurance and Fraternity*, presented the following

*This Report will be found among the Appendices of this Journal. See the Index.

REPORT.

Your Committee appointed in reference to Parochial Organizations for Relief, Assurance, and Fraternity, at the Annual Convention of the Diocese of 1878, beg leave to report:

That they are deeply impressed with the importance of the subject committed to their care, and are convinced that the main hope of relief for the families of the Clergy in the matter of Life Insurance is in the direction of Parochial guilds, as suggested in the Report upon Life Assurance for the Clergy. But deprecating hasty action, and not wishing to engage in the conflict between the Mutual and other Insurance Associations existing within and without the Legislature of Michigan, your Committee have thought best to wait for another session of Legislature before seeking such act of Incorporation as may be necessary. Your Committee therefore, beg leave to report progress and ask to be continued, or, for their discharge, and the appointment of another Committee for future action.

JOSEPH S. LARGE.
CHARLES J. STERLING.
M. W. RIKER.

The Report was accepted and the Committee continued.

The Chair announced the substitution of Mr. J. W. Champlin in place of Mr. J. W. Wood on the Committee on Canons. At his request Mr. Champlin was excused from service.

The special Committee to whom was referred the case of S. James' Church, Albion, submitted their

REPORT.

After a careful examination of such circumstances as have been presented, the Committee would respectfully recommend the appointment, on the part of this Convention, of a Committee, who shall advise with the Vestry of S. James' Church, Albion, and with the Rev. G. E. Peters, for the purpose of arriving at a *just* and *amicable* settlement of the controversy between Rector and Parish.

J. T. MAGRATH.
S. H. WOODFORD.
W. B. WILLIAMS.
CHAS. T. BOCK.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Special Committee on the Decease of the Hon. Peter R. L. Peirce presented its

REPORT.

The Special Committee appointed to present to this Convention resolutions expressive of its sense of the loss this Diocese has sustained in the removal by death of the Hon. Peter R. L. Peirce, respectfully report the following:

WHEREAS, The position of Mr. Peirce in the Councils of the Diocese of Michigan for many years, and his intimate relations with, and interest in, the division of the Diocese, and his subsequent unabated interest in all that appertained to its welfare and prosperity, are cherished with a grateful remembrance by the Church in this Diocese; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention adopt the sentiments expressed by the Bishop in his annual address, as commemorating their appreciation of the worth of our late lamented associate, and would likewise express their sense of the loss this Diocese has sustained in the death of Mr. Peirce; and to that effect do adopt the following minute for record upon the Journal:

The Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled in Diocesan Council do hereby express and record their sense of devout gratitude to Almighty God for the many useful labors of His servant, and the severe loss this Diocese has sustained by the death of the Hon. P. R. L. Peirce.

GEO. P. SCHETKY.
J. H. MONTGOMERY.
J. EASTMAN JOHNSON.

The report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of the Rev. Walter Scott,

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Rector and people of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, for their attentive and cordial hospitality to the members of this Convention.

Resolved, That ten dollars be appropriated to pay the Sexton of S. Mark's Church, and three dollars to the Pages, for their services during the present session of the Convention.

TELLERS' REPORT.

Number of ballots cast for the Board of Missions, 42. Necessary to a choice, 23. The Rev. J. F. Conover has received 36 votes; Rev. Walter Scott, 34; Rev. Dr. Schetky, 33; Rev. Robert Wood, 32;

Rev. H. J. Cook, 31; Mr. C. P. Dibble, 38; Mr. F. A. Gorham, 38; Mr. D. G. Robinson, 37; Mr. David Fisher, 30; Mr. W. J. Stuart, 28.

JOHN L. TAYLOR.
W. R. SHELBY.

On motion of Mr. L. C. Chapin,

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby instructed to cause to be printed and attached to the blanks furnished to the Rectors and Wardens, upon which Parochial Reports are to be made out, the two resolutions found at the bottom of page 27 of the Journal of 1878.

The Chair appointed as Tellers of the election to fill the vacancy in the Deputation of the Diocese to the General Convention, occasioned by the death of the Hon. P. R. L. Pelrce, the Rev. Robert Wood and Mr. Thomas Woodhams.

On motion of the Rev. Charles T. Stout,

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint two semi-annual Missionary meetings, at such time and place and under such arrangements as he may deem best; and that the Parishes be recommended to make provision for the expenses of their Clergymen attending these meetings.

On motion of the Rev. J. T. Magrath,

Resolved, That the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese be respectfully requested to publish such extracts from the Resolutions and Reports of this Convention, for circulation in the Parishes and Missions of the Diocese, as he may deem expedient.

On motion of the Rev, C. T. Stout,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Representatives of the Press for their faithful attendance upon and report of the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS.

Number of ballots cast for Deputy to the General Convention to fill vacancy, 32. Necessary to a choice, 17. Mr. John W. Champlin has received 18 votes and is elected.

ROBERT WOOD.
THOMAS WOODHAMS.

The Convention engaged in the discussion of the new Canon, **Of Communicants*, proposed by the Rev. Dr. Schetky, and reported back to the Convention "without recommendation," by the Committee on Canons. On motion, the further consideration of this proposed Canon was postponed to the next Convention.

* This proposed new Canon, may be found among the appendices of this Journal. See the Index.

The *Committee on Canons* reported further:

The Committee on Canons to whom was referred the recommendation contained in the Report of the joint Legislative Committee respectfully report that Canon IX, Section 2, be amended by striking out the last clause of the Section and inserting the following:

"At all subsequent meetings the right to vote shall be confined to such male persons, of full age, as have for one year previous, or since the organization of such Church, in case one year has not intervened, been stated worshipers in such Church, and either owned or rented a seat therein, or have been regular contributors to its support in such manner as may have been adopted for that purpose."

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. CONOVER.
R. McMURDY.
W. B. WILLIAMS.
J. W. CHAMPLIN.

Mr. L. C. Chapin moved to adopt the Report of the Committee on Canons amending Section 2, of Canon IX. as proposed.

Pending the motion to adopt the Report, Mr. W. B. Williams moved to strike out the word "male" where it occurs in the proposed amendment to Section 2, of Canon IX.

On motion of Mr. George F. Edwards,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the proposed amendment of Canon IX. be postponed until the next Convention.

The Convention adjourned until 7 : 30, P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 7 : 30, P. M.

The Chair announced the substitution of Mr. Alonzo Platt for Mr. J. W. Champlin, and of Mr. N. P. Loveridge for Mr. C. P. Dibble, on the Committee in reference to the claim of this Diocese upon the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Michigan ; also the appointment of the Rev. Charles T. Stout, Mr. Clement Wakelee and Mr. J. Eastman Johnson, as the Committee required by the adoption of the Report of the special Committee upon the case of S. James' Church, Albion.

On motion of the Rev. C. T. Stout,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be authorized to have four hundred copies of the Journal of the Convention printed, to meet the requirements of Canon and for the use of the Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are tendered to the Secretary for his faithful discharge of duties; and that the Treasurer be and hereby is instructed to pay him the sum of fifty dollars.

On motion of Mr. L. C. Chapin,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish the Committee of Assessment with the necessary data upon which the assessment can be made in advance of its publication in the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Henry A. Goodyear,

Resolved, That Emmanuel Church, Hastings, be the place of meeting of the next Convention.

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee also recommend that the Report and proposed Canon of the Special Committee on the Changing of an Organized Parish into a Mission, be referred to a Special Committee to be reported upon at the next Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. CONOVER,
R. McMURDY,
W. B. WILLIAMS,
J. W. CHAMPLIN,
Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Canons was adopted.

The Report* of the Convocation of Grand Rapids was read by its Secretary, the Rev. Sidney H. Woodford.

The Report* of the Convocation of Kalamazoo was read by its Secretary, the Rev. Walter Scott.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Bancroft,

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to exercise his discretion in naming an earlier hour for the opening of the next Convention.

The Chair announced the members of the Special Committee to report to the next Convention on the changing of an organized Parish into a Mission: Messrs. D. J. Arnold, J. W. Champlin, W. B. Williams, N. P. Loveridge.

*The Reports of the Convocations may be found among the Appendices of the Journal. See the Index.

On motion of the Rev. A. C. Lewis,

Resolved, That the Committee of Assessment be and hereby are empowered to assess the Parishes of the Diocese as in their judgment may be necessary to make up in full, or in part, the Bishop's salary.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Champlin,

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of one Clergyman and one Layman from each Convocation, be appointed on Endowment Fund, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions and aid to the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Convention during the three sessions of the day, were read by the Secretary and accepted.

The Chair announced as Standing Committee on endowment, the Rev. Robert Wood and Mr. J. W. Champlin, of the Convocation of Grand Rapids, and the Rev. J. T. Magrath and Mr. William A. Wood, of the Convocation of Kalamazoo.

Motion was made and prevailed to adjourn *sine die* after the usual devotions.

The Convention united in singing the *Gloria in Excelsis*. The Bishop added a few parting words of congratulation and encouragement, asking all to join with him in supplicating the Divine favor and guidance in behalf of the Convention of Michigan, which would, next week, be in session, for the purpose of electing the Chief Pastor of that Diocese. Prayers being ended, the Bishop pronounced the Blessing of Peace, and declared the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
President.

Attest:

JOSEPH W. BANCROFT,
Secretary.

SIDNEY BECKWITH,
Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop's Address.

My Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

I welcome you assembled for the holy worship with which our Council properly opens.

A RETROSPECT.

This House of God reminds us of our advancement from only sectional bond and sympathy, to the rights and privileges of a distinct Diocese. In this Church, on June 11, A. D. 1874, was taken the momentous decision, that the western portion of the Diocese of Michigan, "should be set apart and erected into a new Diocese, the General Convention being respectfully requested to grant the request of the Convention." That request being granted, the Primary Convention sat within these walls on December 2d and 3d of the same year, and constituted the Diocese by the adoption of Title, provision for Canonical rule, and the election of a Bishop. The Consecration of the Bishop-elect on S. Matthias' Day, February 24, A. D. 1875, completed the organization, and associated S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, for all time with the formalities and solemnities of our Diocesan existence.

Let us take a few glances at our Diocesan life. In its brief span, it has been under the cloud of the financial depression of the land. The zeal of our youth has not been wanting, but everywhere it has encountered the stern reality of more or less stagnation of those forms of business to which our territory especially looks, and that evasion of ability for which such times are employed. The attempted introduction of our services, has been met with chilling reference to what might have been done in the better days of the past. The natural appeal from the weaker to the stronger, has often had only the response of a recital of inability. Churches that were needed have not been erected, and debts that have chafed and weakened have not been liquidated. The grand element in the foundation of a Diocese, an ample Episcopal Fund, has been impaired.

This is the darker page, the record that comes of the fellowship, the Kingdom of heaven as on *earth* must have with all its chances and changes, the necessary experience of a Church militant. And those who will not turn over the page, may utter in their churchly love, the sigh over the too good thought of the present, the miscount of the future; while a different spirit may recall "the man who began to build and was not able to finish," and decide, that it had been well to have lingered under the parental roof and partaken at the common board.

Yet there is another page, and if it tells not all the story we would have, it vindicates all that these walls have witnessed. While "there remaineth very much land to be possessed," the Church has taken title where her name had not been heard. Her watch and ward is extended till the Diocesan takes on something of the Parochial oversight. The little band of Clergy and Laity is compacted for blessed unity, and prudent, vigorous effort. Foundations must be laid, and they bear well the superstructure when they have been allowed time to settle. If we have gone slowly, we have gone surely. What has been done, is not to be undone. I trust that we have made a record that they who come after us, if they may not sufficiently appreciate our difficulties to accord us having done what we could, will yet not lay to our charge that we have placed stumbling blocks in their path.

The time has not yet come to review formally the past. I have only meant to utter a reflection or two, as I feel this spot must speak to many of you.

As I look around upon the Clergy, I am reminded, that already one-third the band of twenty-one who were originally enrolled as our clerical Diocesan strength, are no longer of us. It is the lesson of our changing relations, our belonging to the Church rather than to the Diocese. The vision I once had, of a band of Clergy identified with the Diocese by long serving within its lines, in hearty interest with Diocesan as with Parochial interests; the Bishop and his Clergy, mutual comforters and counsellors; has vanished. It need not have departed so soon, had there been more of what it would seem to me there should be, the feeling that the Clergy of a Diocese are in its care, that it is only just and kind for a Parish to look first within to find its Steward of the Lord. Not that I would speak otherwise than gratefully of those who have come to us, but I am persuaded that the Clergy as a general rule would prefer to abide in their own Diocesan place, and they would that the Church would learn this lesson in her heart.

THE DEATH OF MR. PETER R. L. PEIRCE.

To refer to the records of Diocesan formation, is to find promin-

ent the name of Mr. Peter R. L. Peirce. Mr. Peirce's name is attached to the resolution that gives the first utterance of division, and to his interest and judgment was owing much that secures the good foundation and efficient working. Though at the time of his decease not so largely identified with the Diocese in offices of trust, his interest was unabated, and I cite here the language of the resolution passed at the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting in session at the time of Mr. Peirce's death, as the record I am persuaded this Convention would desire to make.

"*Resolved*, That the members of the Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting and Church Conference, who have met in furtherance of the work of the Church he loved and served almost at the moment when he entered into rest, would express devout gratitude to God for the many useful labors of His servant, and a deep sense of the loss his death will be to the Church in the Diocese, rejoicing, however, that their loss is his eternal gain."

THE DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF LOUISIANA.

Approaching matters beyond the Diocese which should have mention in the Episcopal address, I must return immediately to the grave. The Right Reverend Joseph Pere Bell Wilmer, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Louisiana, finished his course in faith December 2, 1878. On my introduction to the House of Bishops, no one more fixed my attention as a man of singular gifts, as no one more cordially greeted me, than the Bishop of Louisiana. He had his own views. At times they might seem scarcely in keeping with the progress of the day, but he was strong as he was bold in their assertion; and in all there was a gentleness, a leaning to charity and hope, that made us think of "a bruised reed shall he not break and smoking flax shall he not quench." With almost sadness in his manner, there was "that rare quickness of parts, that one can fetch in remote conceits applicable." I can well appreciate the remark of one who was with him in England: "No one won his way into the hearts of all with whom he came in contact so much as Bishop Wilmer."—*Bp. Doane.*

THE DEPOSITION OF THE BISHOP OF MICHIGAN.

The next record is darker than of death. August 28–September 3, Wednesday-Tuesday, New York City, Grace Chapel—the House of Bishops.

No sadder days of my official life than these are on my memory. We waited till one by one the quorum was gathered, then acted in God's fear. There were many there who knew far better than myself what was the voice and the authority of the law. There were few who knew as well, him whom the law was to reach. I assent-

ed, not merely to the majority, but to what seemed to me the only course the communications of the Bishop of Michigan to the House, coupled with his voluntary absence from the country, permitted. The name, so familiar to us, has been stricken from the record of the Church's chief Pastors, but never can he who makes to you the official announcement, forget, not only the genial guest when his home was bright, but the willing helper of his toils, the kind sympathizer when they prospered and when they failed, first as his Presbyter and then as his fellow-Bishop; and above and deeper in the heart than all, how he came to the home that was desolate, to the heart of sorrow, so touched with personal loss, with a brother's grief.

Some of us, my brethren, will follow with our prayers our former Bishop, that for him at eventide it may be light—the light of a faith that simply clings to an all-sufficient cross, that looks beyond the scene of our frailty and unrest to the purity in heart of God's likeness.

THE CHURCH AT LARGE.

I am not aware of anything further in the Church without our borders, that demands special notice in this address. Indeed, except in the years that the General Convention meets, there is no special unfolding of the affairs of the Church. The Board of Missions no longer gathers the Church representatively. The Meetings of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, have become sectional. Of one style of intelligence I could wish that we had far less. I refer to those controversies and disputes that arise in Parishes and Dioceses. These offences that must needs come, have their decision within their own bounds; and why must they be submitted to a public who can neither appreciate nor adjudge them? Is it not before a Christian, Churchly conscience, an unlawful use of the Mail, a perversion of the Press, to thrust into notice the differences and distractions of the Parochial or Diocesan "household of faith." How shall we dwell in "peaceable habitations," when any part of the Church may thus affect the whole? What is a community that takes part in every household disturbance? The good sense of the Church and the love of peace, should as far as may be, let these things abide where they belong. It is not so much that they are called forth, as that they are sent forth, in that spirit of pride that magnifies one's own difficulty into everybody's business.

REVIEW OF VISITATIONS.

Immediately after the Convention of the Diocese of Michigan, the action of the Standing Committee was communicated to me, to the effect, "that the Episcopal supervision of this Diocese be

placed, until otherwise determined, under the charge of the Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan." I accepted the trust abroad, with the determination that no interest of the Diocese should suffer by this extra charge. In the gracious performance of the promise, "as thy day is so shall thy strength be," I have been enabled to keep my own proper watch and ward, and perform the asked-for duty in the vacant Diocese.

My visitations in Michigan have numbered 51, including presiding over the Semi-Annual Missionary Meetings, one ordination to the Diaconate, and one consecration of a Church. The number confirmed is 416. My engagement with the Diocese will terminate at the approaching Convention. I shall gladly be released from the demand upon my time, that has so kept me away from my home, and interfered with the reading and study, which are even more necessary to one who has charge of Churches than to the Parish Rector. I believe it is a satisfaction to us all to have thus come to the aid of a Diocese in its day of necessity, with which we have so many ties, and which has been the home of so many of us. Dioceses are like families, ever subject to reverses, and should the day ever come when our household of faith shall need the care of the Father in God, I doubt not that there will be the feeling of a debtor and the response to a benefactor.

I have completed the round of Diocesan visitations, including places where we have no services, and frequently making more than one visit, with the exception of a few places, generally where postponement has been requested.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The whole number confirmed is 174, one-fourth less than the number reported to the last Convention.

A difference in sentiment as to who are the "children" of the Confirmation office, and at how early an age the qualifications may be possessed, prevails among our most conscientious pastors. The Prayer Book speaks in the language of an age that recognized a well defined childhood extending far beyond infancy. Regard must be had also to the manifest intention, that admission to the Holy Communion shall follow immediately upon Confirmation. Without reference to age, there should be that maturity of mind and conscience, that the solemn vow and profession may be well appreciated in all its application to thought, word, and deed; and such resolution be taken in all sincerity, as to guide and control where the life may touch the world of sin and temptation. The blessing of Confirmation will ever depend upon the sense of responsibility accompanying it. The "strengthening with the Holy Ghost the Comforter," is in connection with the promise of "endeavor by the Grace of God faithfully to observe such things as are

assented unto." The frequent reference in these addresses to Confirmation is in the conviction, that that awakening of the Church of God that we all feel must come, lest "the candlestick be removed out of its place," must be through the children that shall be born unto Zion.

THE PROGRESS OF THE YEAR.

I must own that my pen drops as now I come to the place to record the progress of the year. The year has been one of trial to all who are interested in the Diocese. In few lines I can tell so far as we can read signs in God's kingdom, what we have attained in the twelve-month. Grace Church, Grand Rapids, has been completed, and has passed from one Rectorship to another with life and hope in the choice. At Holland and Saugatuck, the work is once more resumed. S. John's, Grand Haven, is a larger and far better Church than ever before. And this is all, save as the unbroken bond of peace, the continuance in well doing in Parochial life, the reaching forth here and there towards release from debt or the new church; the good mind and heart that every gathering of the Clergy in Convocation and Missionary Meeting evinces, are to be ranked as the factors of growth, the promise of a better day.

Why have we so stood still? Why have we come up to our Council knowing that its proceedings, would take a cast of anxiety and fear from the year to be reviewed? What are the elements in our acquaintance with Diocesan grief?

I can only answer these questions with old complaints. The long vacancies of our Parishes are terribly damaging. Every Lord's Day in five of our churches, there is no voice of praise and prayer, no Preacher fills the pulpit, no congregation gathers. In two more, there is the worship only as the laymen may lead it. And this reveals the fatal errors of the inner life. Generally the people are content to have it so. And why content? Often because it spares what a Christian and a Churchman should least desire to spare—the purse. And when we look back, we find a wretched remissness to give the "laborer his hire," often resulting in saying and acting, he is not "worthy of his hire." And when we urge the shame of the Parish, and sorrow of the souls so left and lone, and would help to put the flock under the Shepherd's care, such strange thoughts of man and minister, such unreasonableness of men in temporal provision for one of all their needs. Beyond all this, demands that the Church can only meet in a Ministry of perpetual youth, of firm celibacy; and what the Church can never meet so long as she makes ministers of *men*.

There is something worse than vacancy. The dull, dead life, when Pastor and people are looking for, and as fast as in them lies,

hasting to a dissolution of their bond. And then the difference between Minister and Parish that summons the Bishop in the unenviable office of Judge, often "not to be satisfactorily settled by the godly judgment of the Bishop," but to be appealed where penalties may come in, or to go on and worry the life out of the Parish, part of "the Church God purchased with His blood."

With the vacant Parish, we may name the unemployed Ministry. Ten names on our list represent no regular work. Age and sickness will remove blame everywhere from nearly half; but there is wrong somewhere for those who remain. I must say, that I believe that the Church is rapidly being driven to an extremity, that she will cry out for some power to "*send* laborers into her vineyard," a power that will compel the laborer, as well as assert ownership and control of the vineyard. I do not know how a Bishop who carries on his heart men and families who are living almost at the starvation point of mind and body, men who are standing idle, I will not say always because no man will hire them; a Bishop who has in self-defence to resort to the press, to shut out the seeking for any vacancy that may appear in its columns, can think and speak otherwise.

In this connection, I suggest the appointment of a committee on the State of the Church in the Diocese, who may review points now noticed that do not come within the province of any Standing Committee.

VACANT PARISHES.

Grace Church, Union City, proposes partnership with Trinity, Three Rivers, but the latter asks more in services than its proposed investment will allow. Rev. J. L. Taylor has given some services in the former, and Rev. M. C. Stanley, of Indiana, officiated for several months, every other Sunday, at Three Rivers. S. Paul's, Greenville, has had occasional services from the Rev. Messrs. Brittain and Large. The former for a time gave services at Trinity, Saranac, since vacant. Rev. S. C. M. Orpen, of Indiana, visited S. Paul's, Mendon, on week days for a time, and would have continued had he had the encouragement his kindness deserved. I regret to hear, that the use of the Church has been allowed to a sect far from acknowledging the faith to which it has been virtually, though not formally, dedicated. Grace, Burr Oak, has never notified me of its vacancy. Grace, Traverse City, has had only lay reading and two or three clerical visits, since Mr. Sparling resigned early in January. Grace, Grand Rapids; S. Paul's, Muskegon; S. John's, Grand Haven; have become vacant and found Rectors during the year. Grace, Holland, and All Saints', Saugatuck, lived with lay service till February, when Rev. Mr. Flower took them under his charge.

Rev. J. S. Large resigned S. Andrew's, Big Rapids, in March. Of the missions, S. Mark's, Newaygo, and Epiphany, Cooperville, have been vacant since Mr. Flower ceased his temporary charge. Rev. Mr. Prichard recently visited Manistee, S. Paul's Mission, and, 24 communicating, and lay services during Lent, show continued life.

EXTINCT PARISHES.

Christ, St. Joseph, has no life to entitle it longer to a place on the list of Parishes. Of their own free will, they called a Rector about the time of the last Convention. At the end of four months, he found that promises were not payment. A bill for the Missionary's board, and a subscription paper with names and sums nearly sufficient to meet it, have been before me, but the one was urged, and the other disowned. The honor of the Church has been upheld through the Bishop's Fund. From 1872 to the end of 1876, this Parish had a faithful Minister and liberal Missionary aid, yet no lot was acquired, and to-day part of the salary remains unpaid. The case of S. Paul's, Greenville, was by action last year referred to this Convention.

S. JAMES' CHURCH, ALBION.

It becomes my duty, under Canon IV., Section iii., Title II., to lay before the Convention the dissolution of the connection between Rev. G. E. Peters and S. James' Church, Albion, as "not regular or canonical," the Vestry having, on April 11, 1879, passed a resolution, "declaring the Rectorship of S. James' Church vacant," and that "we do not recognize the Rev. G. E. Peters as Rector of this Parish since he abandoned the same." A difference has arisen between the Rector and the Vestry, in reference to his salary. I have met the Vestry and addressed the Parish on the subject, and "the judgment of the Bishop" being rejected, have urged arbitration, or the course directed by the Canon. The Vestry decide to adhere to their own judgment.

THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE DIOCESE.

No more important questions come before us than those which relate to our Missionary operations. When, after years of continued service, and liberal aid of hardly gathered Missionary money we are compelled to abandoned a field, or sustain the work at a cost beyond its promise, we may well ask, whether such disappointment affords guidance for the future. Such cases as St. Joseph are very trying, and I could mention other points where it seems to me, that we should no longer extend the aid that has been afforded. As to the condition, it matters not, whether it is explained by local circumstances, or failure to impress the people with the value of the services. We have to contend with the difficulty of a population, rural, or gathered in small groups, and in no section rapidly increasing. No observation or prudence will pre-

mistakes, if we count failure where actual Parochial estate self sustenance are not readily attained. I believe, that the t in Van Buren County, where the Missionary has his central sh and gives frequent services on week days to contiguous ts; must be the model of much of our Missionary operation. is thought of some magnitude, and in some ears it may be one me extravagance; whether we should not erase the deep drawn between the Rector and the Missionary—the Parish of the one the field of the other. The work is not in reality so different. Rector is not necessarily so occupied in his cure as to be con- to it. Often the Parish is no more than the stations of the ionary. Should the mere source of income shut out a Mission- Ministry? There are Rectors with us who refuse to abide in chial lines. Would all take the position—the field to be mark- it by the wants and the ability to meet them, and Minister and ionary be practically made convertible terms, we should realize calling far more as the great Head of the Church has given, ne, Apostles, and some, Prophets, and some, Evangelists, and , Pastors and Teachers;" and as the Church in her Ordinal has ifully copied. It seems to me, that Parochial support and Pa- ial lines are interfering with the noblest titles of our calling, the grand ideal of an Ambassador for Christ; and our assertion he Missionary is too marked, and too much of mere pecuniary ion.

E SEMI-ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETINGS AND CONVOCATIONS.

ne former meetings have been held at Big Rapids and at Kala- oo. The Convocations, at Hastings, Paw Paw, Elk Rapids, Mus- on. No feature in our Diocese tells better at home and abroad, these gatherings of the Clergy. They have come to be felt a ister's need and benefit. We have yet to learn the art of inter- ng the people, or rather to bring them that they may be inter- l. The indifference is so unwarrantable that its removal must racticable.

AID TO CANDIDATES FOR THE HOLY MINISTRY.

ne venerable "Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learn- " continues to aid two of our candidates, one of whom will be ained in July. Agreeably to the request of the Convention, I ed a Pastoral asking for an offering on or near Trinity Sunday eet our Diocesan claims. The response was far from satisfac- . Over $50 is needed to repay advances for the Conventional . As this is an obligation for which the Bishop is virtually re- sible, I have thought of an offering at every visitation, thus ving the Clergy from an appeal, which they are either unwil- to make, or which the people receive with little favor.

GENERAL MISSIONS.

While our best plan, (of Local Secretaries,) has continued, and each has urged his specialty; the acknowledgements of our General Board do not show the growing sense of responsibility and interest we had hoped for. No collection, is a Minister's negligence, hard to reconcile with love to the brethren, and the broad sympathies of the Church. In vain we deplore the Parochialism of the people when we do not educate them to knowledge and sympathy with the Church of their land and creed; and there is no better lesson than that which is illustrated with an alms basin. I can but think that all our charities are hindered by the hand-to-mouth system of Lord's Day collections, (I cannot say offerings,) to pay salary. The Clergyman who lives under such a system can say truly, that in his cure offerings for Missions mean the harder struggle for him to make the two ends meet. Should the Church ever return to the general treasury for all her wants and works, her Offertory may properly be "they who wait at the altar partaking with the altar;" but until then, her charities will demand an Offertory that provideth "for the sick and needy," in all the breadth of God's compassion and immortal life.

Woman's work has been so efficient under the wise watchfulness of our lady Secretary that applications have generally been met from our own Parishes, while boxes have been sent without our borders.

AN EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

The Trustees of the Diocese have taken action, the details of which their report will present, looking towards the erection of a house for the Bishop on the lot so generously tendered by Mr. George Kendall, of Grand Rapids.

When, soon after my consecration, I removed to this city, it was with no definite plans of residence. Observation has convinced me, that for convenient access to different parts of the Diocese, this point has superior advantages. I have, therefore, fixed my home here, while I have been made to feel that the warm welcome awaited me in other quarters of the Diocese.

Permit me a few words in reference to my relation to the Church in this city. I have never contemplated for myself any other than an Episcopate of that close watch of the work begun and continued, and of the openings for new work; that would forbid any stated Parochial charge. The Cathedral question has had for me no interest, because I am persuaded that even as a question, for us its time has not come. All the constant Ministry in Grand Rapids I have ever thought of, has been, the strengthening of some feeble Parish or Mission till it could have its own head. Yet I conceive, that the Bishop should stand in some intimate relation to the

Church so within his reach—a relation not of special authority over Rectors, Vestries, or Parishes, but what may be expressed in, co-worker, counsellor. The Bishop might be a bond of union among the Parishes, a leader in work that demands united energy, and has its liability to prejudice and partiality. That this has not been realized, that my residence here has accomplished so little for the Church in this city, that I have lived so separate from it; may be my fault, it certainly is my deep regret. So much at least I put on record, lest my pen may fail before another address is demanded. Yet let me add in justice and gratitude, that the Clergy have extended to me every courtesy, and I have felt and valued their sympathy and attentions.

PENAL AND PAUPER INSTITUTIONS.

I have visited 7 Poor Houses and 20 Jails; generally accompanied by the Clergy. In my official relation, I have visited the State Institutions with the Commission. The Legislature has taken action to provide a separate School for the Blind; and establish a Reformatory for Girls. Our State is now destitute of any provision for women who are pronounced criminals, and for those whose age, character, and surroundings, require their constraint; except the common jails, where sometimes there is not even decent separation of the sexes, and the Detroit House of Correction. The searching scrutiny of a Legislative Committee has failed to bring to light in our oldest Asylum for the Insane, abuses other than those that must needs come where patients are in constant charge of those who serve mainly for hire, no doubt far less than what exist where the private care of the maniac is attempted. All our Penal and Pauper Institutions are well managed—the jails the noted exception; but the increase of poverty and crime in a State like ours, where toil in all its fields is abundant and pays, and where population is healthily scattered, is a great question, not only for social science but for the humanity and christianity of the citizen. I could wish that it had more attention in our pulpits.

THE COMMON SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

My visits to schools have numbered 16. It is the rule of our Clerical gatherings to go to the school, always politely received and given all the opportunity of inspection and address we can improve. In the absence of Church schools, it is the more necessary that clerical instruction should be imparted, especially in the line indicated in the Canon "of Parochial Instruction." (21, Title I.) I suggest classes of young persons uniting religious and literary culture. In this way, those may be drawn who would avoid purely sacred themes, and the teacher may find relief from Theological study.

CONCLUSION.

I could wish my Brethren, that my record were more cheering. A Diocese as a Parish must know the sunshine and the shade. In any disappointment of our hopes, any seeming failure of our exertions; God calls us to scrutiny of our motives, our measure and manner of work.

Lack of interest will be the common explanation of all that pains us, but what is this lack of interest, but the deferred payment of the vow; the failure of submission "wholly to God's holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve him in true holiness and righteousness," which is the only payment of the vow?

Brethren of the Clergy, we must carry out a true discipline—not so much the discipline that is punitive, though this is too much neglected—as that discipline which comes of preaching to the people in plain, pungent application to their hearts and lives; and teaching "publicly and from house to house," and in the ears of the individual. We are called to a hand to hand contest with the inconsistencies and indifference that characterize our accepted religious profession. In this day, the Ministry must ponder and pray over, "whether they will hear or whether they will forbear." I commend to your study the recent *Concio ad clerum* of the Bishop of Long Island, entitled, "The Cure of Souls."

Brethren of the Laity, "according to mine office, I bid you in the name of God, I call on you in Christ's behalf, I exhort you, as you love your own salvation," to study for yourselves that holy law of living unto the Lord, by which we must all from the least to the highest, "give account of ourselves to God." The times are always "perilous," save as "in heart and mind we constantly ascend into the heavens," asking in the child-like spirit, "Lord what wilt thou have us to do;" and praying instantly, "O cleanse thou me from my secret faults, keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me."

And "judgment must begin at the House of God," as the Parish. We need a better morality of money getting and money paying. The world looks on and smiles and scoffs as Churches recklessly incur their debts, decline and delay to pay them; as they trifle with the salary of one whom they say is "over them in the Lord," as they would not dare to trifle with the wages of the serving man or woman. The careless management of the monetary affairs of Churches, in a business point of view, is disastrous; as it is the business of our Father in Heaven committed to his stewards, it is "a man robbing God." And then, these wretched expedients of maintenance of holy institutions—the law of the State set at naught, the low amusements borrowed, what is most sacred in the Church burlesqued in the hall, men and women of the altar lending them-

selves to amuse a paying public; the lure of the dance and the card table to call in the throng,—and this styled a Church Social, as though it were the commingling of those whom God hath joined together as a "Household of Faith."

Brethren of the sacred order and the sacred calling, think on all these things. Be wise to separate the hallowed from the common, to observe times and places, to tender weakness and prejudice, to give no ear to "ends sanctifying means." Remember your vows at the font—at the altar, and when the commission "to be Messengers, Watchmen, and Stewards of the Lord," was imparted. Trust God in remonstrating and refusing. Trust God in repelling and rebuking.

A holy Priesthood, the Priesthood of christian men and women, the Priesthood after that of God's dear Son, is what the Church needs. Lack of interest is lack of holiness. Let us have "the beauty of holiness" in all the life of the Parish, the life of the people, the life of the Priest; and then we shall have peace and prosperity, then God will come unto us and bless us.

"And now Brethren, I commend you unto God," in all the work for which you are gathered here.

"Unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end, Amen."

EPISCOPAL ACTS.

I present the Canonical detail of the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention.

The Convention closed its sessions on the afternoon of June 6th. The attendance of the Laity was larger than at the previous Convention, though not sufficient to bring out the strength of the Diocese.

June 9, Whitsunday, **Grand Haven,** S. John's, officiated at three services, including a children's service, and administered the Holy Communion. Met the Parishioners in reference to the affairs of the Parish and supplying the vacancy.

June 11, Tuesday in Whitsun week and S. Barnabas' day, A. M., preached in S. Barnabas' Chapel, **Kalamazoo,** and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, S. John's Church, preached.

June 12, Wednesday, Ember Day, in the same Church, A. M., preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, preached. P. M., confirmed in private 1 for S. Luke's Church. These services in S. John's Church were designed as the God-speed to the new Rector.

June 23, First Sunday after Trinity, **Holland,** Grace, A. M., officia-

ted, administered the Holy Communion, confirmed 5 and addressed the Sunday School. Evening, **Saugatuck**, All Saints', officiated and baptized and confirmed an adult. These Parishes, then vacant, are now happily supplied, the Rector, when practicable, dividing his Sunday between them.

June 30, Second Sunday after Trinity, **Big Rapids**, S. Andrew's, preached twice, confirmed 3, and addressed the Sunday School.

July 4, **Grand Rapids**, officiated as Chaplain at the city celebration of the day.

July 7, Third Sunday after Trinity, **Grand Haven**, S. John's, officiated for the day, administered the Holy Communion, and addressed the Sunday School.

July 9–11, Tuesday-Thursday, with the members of the State Board, visited the penal and pauper institutions of the State and City of Detroit. The Hon. Uzziel Putnam, whose gentleness of character and earnestness in our work, gave pleasure and value to his company, has passed from the scene of good works to the enjoyment of their reward.

July 21, Fifth Sunday after Trinity, **Grand Rapids**, S. Mark's, A. M., preached.

July 22, Monday, **Traverse City**, Grace, evening, preached and confirmed 4. The Rev. Mr. Sparling has since resigned his charge, seeking restoration of health in withdrawal from the active duties of the Ministry.

July 23, 24, Tuesday-Wednesday, **Elk Rapids**, S. Paul's, the meeting of the Grand Rapids Convocation, administered the Holy Communion. This was the first time the Convocation had met so far to the North. The attendance of the Clergy fully warranted the experiment. A day on the Lakes, with S. James the Apostle's Feast kept on the shore of the Bay, closed a very pleasant and I trust profitable meeting.

July 28, 6th Sunday after Trinity, **Elk Rapids**, S. Paul's, preached twice, baptized the infant of the Rector, confirmed 5, addressed the Sunday School. P. M., held a service at the Furnace Village. Lots have been secured for a Church. The Rector is burdened with the charge of the Public School.

August 2, Friday, **Ludington**, Grace, evening preached and confirmed 2.

August 3, Saturday, **Manistee**, evening, held a devotional meeting at a private house.

August 4, 7th Sunday after Trinity, A. M., preached, baptized 6 children, and administered the Holy Communion. P. M. visited the Poor House. Evening, preached and confirmed three. Hope deferred would make us disconsolate as to our permanently recording our name here; but some faithful women cannot give up.

Whenever I make a visitation, there seems too much to lose. A manly stand in face of the present religious occupants of the ground, and willingness to cope with rather than be cowed with difficulties, is what is needed.

August 6, Tuesday, **Pentwater**, evening, preached and confirmed 5. Here the little one with no more than faithful care is becoming str nger.

August 11, Eighth Sunday after Trinity, **Mt. Pleasant**, A. M., preached, baptized 3 children, administered the Holy Communion. Evening, preached and confirmed 1. The Rev. Mr. Matthias officiates here monthly. A lot has been secured.

August 22, Thursday, **Berlin**, evening, preached. Mr. Morris' temporary withdrawal from Coopersville leaves Berlin without services.

August 25, Tenth Sunday after Trinity, Palmyra, W. N. Y., Zion Church, on my way to New York, I spent this Sunday where for ten years, "amid a friendly cure and competence, I tasted the pure pleasures of Parochial life." My flock are more in "God's acre," than in the beautiful house that has taken the place of the building of no form nor comeliness, where I was wont to minister. How one, at times almost crushed with the burden of a wider pastorate, turns back to the days of a simple pastorate of sheep that knew the Shepherd's voice; the daily coming and going out, all so humble, but so cheered as the Master's work, and with the Master's blessing.

September 8, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, **Howard City**, officiated all day, and administered the Holy Communion. There are a few here to whom absence is not forgetfulness of Jerusalem. Rev. Mr. Large has given them some services.

September 9, Monday, Kalamazoo, attended a meeting of the Board of Missions.

September 10-11, Tuesday-Wednesday, **Paw Paw**, S. Mark's, the Fall meeting of the Kalamazoo Convocation. Administered the Holy Communion at the Harvest Home Festival, and at the opening service. The Rector's name is the announcement of nothing lacking on his part to make the meeting profitable, and at such meetings very much depends on the Rector. We had a good time in all that we came together for at Convocation.

September 15, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Saranac**, Trinity, officiated during the day, and administered the Holy Communion, P. M., met the Sunday School. There was some solicitude for a Clergyman, but I have heard nothing from it, except a proposition impracticable in the remuneration offered.

September 29, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Grand Rapids**, Grace,

officiated and administered the Holy Communion in the absence of the Rector, in whose Solemnization of Matrimony I had assisted a few days before. Evening, S. Paul's, preached.

October 6, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Schoolcraft,** officiated twice, administered the Holy Communion, baptized and confirmed an adult. Everything conduced to a pleasant Sunday. Would that some neighboring Rector could take this little band under his wing.

October 8-10, Tuesday-Thursday, went to Boyne's Falls, expecting to meet a conveyance to Advance. Owing to delay of mail, the parties interested had not received my letter, and I was compelled, to return, my object not accomplished.

October 13, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, **Portland,** officiated twice, with the Holy Communion and the baptism of a child. This Sunday was in painful contrast to the last. Yet here I once confirmed 9, and the work begun might have been continued, had there been the more liberal hand.

October 16, Wednesday evening, **Grand Rapids,** S. Mark's, took the Chapel service, the Rector being unwell.

October 17, Thursday, P. M., conducted the service at S. Mark's Home.

October 18, Friday, **Albion,** S. James', met the Vestry, but failed to accomplish the design, adjusting the sum due the Rector.

October 20, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, **Kalamazoo,** S. Luke's, officiated all day, with the Sunday School service, happy to relieve the laborious Rector, absent at the Church Congress.

October 27, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, A. M., **Saugatuck,** All Saints', officiated, administered the Holy Communion. Evening, **Holland,** Grace, officiated with the Holy Communion.

November 1, All Saints' Day, **Battle Creek,** S. Thomas', A. M., administered the Holy Communion, the Rector commemorating the departed of the year in the flock in his address. P. M., preached to the children. Evening, preached and confirmed 4.

November 3, Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, **Union City,** Grace, A. M., officiated, P. M., administered the Holy Communion. Evening, officiated. The Rev. John L. Taylor has given several services here lately. Would Three Rivers unite, "giving as of its ability," we might have some real Parochial life in these places.

November 4, Monday, **Edwardsburg,** evening, preached. The Rev. A. T. Perkins of South Bend, Ind., was then kindly giving week-day services here.

November 10, Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, **Three Rivers,** Trinity, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., gave the comfort of the Supper of the Lord to the aged wife of a former Rector. Evening, preached. The Rev. M. C. Stanley,

of the Diocese of Indiana, had been officiating every other Sunday for several months, but soon after the engagement was closed. When some weeks later called to attend the funeral of the brother who made so good a record in his work here, I could not but sorrow that all since he left had been so cheerless, and hope that his works would yet "follow him" in the "strengthening of the things that remain that are ready to die."

November 11, Monday, received the decision of the Commission to examine the case of the Rev. Robert McMurdy, D. D., LL. D., from "public rumor under the imputation of having been guilty of offence or misconduct for which he would be liable to be tried," appointed October 20, 1878, under Canons of Western Michigan, XVII., Sec. 1; Digest, Canon 2, Sec. ii., Title II. Said Commission was appointed on the demand of the Rev. Robert McMurdy, D. D., LL. D. Their decision is in the terms, "after full hearing, at the expiration of two days consumed in such examination, unanimously decided that no sufficient ground for presentment appears." Signed, Joseph W. Bancroft, Chairman, G. E. Peters, Walter Scott, J. M. Edwards, B. A. Harlan, Secretary. The decision was in accordance with the assurances made to me by the Vestry, whose confidence in their Rector had been unfaltering, as it was gratifying to myself.

November 12-14, Tuesday-Thursday, **Big Rapids,** S. Andrew's. The Semi Annual Missionary Meeting. This is the first time that one of these conferences had been held so far north. The attendance was smaller than usual, but otherwise the meeting had the usual elements of pleasure and efficiency.

November 17, Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity, **Eaton Rapids,** S. Matthias' Mission, A. M., preached. **Charlotte,** Grace Mission, P. M., met the Sunday School. Evening, preached. It is a painful fact, that after several years of able and faithful labor on the part of the Missionary and liberal aid from the Church, these Missions are so indifferent to their privileges.

November 24, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, **Ionia,** S. John's Church, preached twice, held a children's service, and addressed the inmates of the State House of Correction and Reformatory. I trust that the coming year will show that the talk of a new Church has had a meaning.

November 26, Tuesday, **Three Rivers,** Trinity Church, attended the funeral of Mrs. Lucy Spalding, the wife of our venerable brother.

November 27, Thanksgiving Day, **Allegan,** Church of the Good Shepherd, preached.

December 1, First Sunday in Advent, S. Mark's, **Coldwater,** preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, held a children's ser-

vice and confirmed 4. The Parish are too near a new Church in their wants and their wishes, to be discouraged by the common difficulties of such an enterprise.

December 11, Wednesday, **Grand Rapids,** S. Mark's, evening, officiated for the Rector.

December 24–25, **Hastings,** Emmanuel, Christmas Eve, preached. Christmas Day, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

December 26, S. Stephen's Day, **Grand Rapids,** S. Mark's Church, A. M., administered the Holy Communion.

1879, January 1, Wednesday, **Lansing,** officiated as Chaplain at the dedication of the Capitol. We can but feel a pride in the advancement of our State of which this noble edifice is a sign. Let us hope that a more liberal policy will so compensate judicial and executive trust, that the worth of the citizen for the place may be secured in all ranks of society and all positions of prosperity. A State of such grand resources should not pause at expenditure when any of her best interests are to be served.

January 5, Second Sunday after Christmas, **Burr Oak,** Grace, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, **Sturgis,** S. John's Church, preached. The Rev. Mr. Orpen hopes to erect, in the spring, a Chapel on part of the foundation laid two years ago.

January 16, Thursday, **Big Rapids,** S. Andrew's, met the Vestry on the relations of the Parish and the Rector.

January 22, Wednesday, **Grand Rapids,** S. Mark's evening, officiated, the Rector being sick.

January 23, Thursday, **Kalamazoo,** S. Luke's, assisted in the funeral services for the Rev. M. E. Buck, who died at Kansas City, Mo. His memory is in all the Diocese as one who never spared himself to "make full proof of his Ministry."

January 28–29, **Muskegon,** S. Paul's, Convocation of Grand Rapids. The time was well filled, and the Parish showed that interest which is the true welcome of a Convocation.

February 4–5, Tuesday–Wednesday, **Hastings,** Emmanuel, Convocation of Kalamazoo. Another good Convocation. Our Convocations and Missionary Meetings cheer me in our discouragements.

February 9, **Whitehall,** Redeemer, preached twice, addressed the children and confirmed 8.

February 24, S. Matthias' Day, evening **Coldwater,** S. Mark's Church, preached, and confirmed 7. The day was the anniversary of my consecration, and the services were in keeping.

February 26, Ash Wednesday, **Grand Rapids,** S. Paul's, A. M., preached. Evening, **Coopersville,** preached and administered the Holy Communion. A small Chapel has been enclosed. Zeal and self denial are the materials wherewith to finish.

February 27, Thursday, **Saranac**, married a couple.

March 1, Saturday, **Paw Paw**, S. Mark's, made an address at the Lenten Service.

March 2, First Sunday in Lent, A. M., preached, administered the Holy Communion, and addressed the Sunday School. Evening, preached and confirmed 3. I trust that this Parish will appreciate an able and earnest Rectorship. P. M., **Lawton**, preached.

March 3, Monday, **Hartford**, evening, preached and confirmed 3.

March 4, Tuesday, **Breedsville**, P. M., preached and confirmed 2. **South Haven**, evening, preached and confirmed 3.

March 5, Wednesday, A. M., administered the Holy Communion with an address. Evening, **Kendall**, preached and confirmed 3.

March 9, Second Sunday in Lent, **Muskegon**, S. Paul's, preached twice, addressed the children and confirmed 11. The Rector is very desirous to have the building moved to a more central locality. With this accomplished, growth would be far more rapid.

March 16, Third Sunday in Lent, **Grand Rapids**, Grace, A. M. and evening, preached. The Rector had resigned. P. M., Good Shepherd, administered the Holy Communion with an address. The afternoon services have been suspended from this date, the congregation feeling unable to make a suitable remuneration. The Chapel is the property of the Rev. Samuel Earp. The original cost was $4,400 with land. The property may be secured to the Church on payment of $1,500. The owner, who, in his desire to extend the Church, made the venture, has paid out more than half the original cost. The flourishing Sunday School is sustained.

March 17, Monday, **Grand Rapids**, S. Mark's, A. M. made the address in the daily service. **Newaygo**, S. Mark's Mission, evening, baptized four adults and one child, and confirmed 3.

March 22, Saturday, Racine College, Wisconsin, was present at the funeral solemnities of the Rev. James De Koven, S. T. D., Warden of Racine College. While holding very opposite views to those of Dr. De Koven on important theological points, I cannot but honor his frankness in avowing his sentiments, his justice to the views of others; and revere his walk and conversation in all the relations of life, and his spirit of devotion towards God. The Church has lost in him, the great educator, and one for whose example in official and private life she has much to give thanks.

March 23, Fourth Sunday in Lent, **Kalamazoo**, S. John's, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, spoke to the Sunday School, and confirmed 21. Debt weighs down the heart of the Rector, whose faithful and successful toil this record tells. Oh, that there were the ability, or the heart, to give, to pay, whichever is wanting; and so to free the future from its fears.

March 24, Monday, **Albion,** S. James', evening, preached, confirmed 1, baptized in private an infant.

March 25, Tuesday, Chicago, Illinois, Trinity Church, officiated with the Rector at the funeral of a former parishioner, and attached friend.

April 6, Sunday before Easter, **Kalamazoo,** S. Luke's, A. M., preached, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed 15. P. M. preached at the children's service. Evening, S. Barnabas', preached. S. Luke's is very peaceful and full of good works, and it must be that God's house "decaying and waxing old," means that "it is ready to vanish away," in the purposes of the people.

April 8, Tuesday before Easter, **Allegan,** Good Shepherd, evening, preached.

April 9, Wednesday before Easter, A. M., confirmed 1. P. M. **Plainwell,** administered the Holy Communion. Evening, preached and confirmed 1. Windows have been put in the Chapel.

April 11, Thursday before Easter, **Grand Haven,** evening, made an address and administered the Holy Communion.

April 12, Good Friday, A. M., preached. Evening, preached and confirmed 8. The Church is greatly improved by the addition of a Recess Chancel and repairs, and the people can enjoy it as paid for.

April 13, Easter Sunday, **Marshall,** Trinity, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., assisted in funeral services, evening, addressed the children in their Easter service. The Rector has resigned to take effect July 1.

April 14, Monday in Easter week, assisted in the services.

April 20, First Sunday after Easter, **Grand Rapids,** S. Mark's, A. M., preached and confirmed 9. Evening, preached. The Parish sorely groans under the burden of its large debt. I am sure the Rector would feel himself a new man in energy and hope, and every interest would be quickened, were some means devised even of gradual payment, sparing constant perplexity and struggle.

April 22-24, Tuesday-Thursday, Kalamazoo, S. Luke's and S. John's, the Spring Semi-Annual Missionary Meeting. The Clergy gathered well and the people came to some of the meetings, as we would have liked to have seen them at all. Sunday School work had special consideration. These meetings are attracting attention abroad.

April 27, Second Sunday after Easter, **Niles,** Trinity, A. M., preached and addressed the Sunday School. P. M., confirmed in private 3 Evening, preached and confirmed 17. In this Parish I am always met with evidences of the pastorate "in season and out of season." and the confidence of the people in their Rector.

May 4, Third Sunday after Easter, **Battle Creek,** S. Thomas,' A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion. P. M., addressed

the children. Evening, preached and confirmed 10. The purchase of a suitable organ is contemplated.

May 8, Thursday, Racine College, attended a meeting of the Trustees to elect a Warden.

May 11, Fourth Sunday after Easter, **Whitehall,** Redeemer, preached twice, addressed the Sunday School, and confirmed in private 2. P. M., Montague, preached in a Hall. The Rector officiates here every Sunday afternoon, an arrangement I have long desired.

May 18, Fifth Sunday after Easter, **Big Rapids,** S. Andrew's, officiated twice with the Holy Communion. The Parish is in debt for $500, and waits the payment to call a Rector. The Sunday School is sustained.

May 22, Ascension Day, **Grand Rapids,** S. Paul's, A. M., preached and confirmed 4.

May 25, Sunday after Ascension Day **Grand Rapids,** Chapel of the Good Shepherd, A. M., preached and administered the Holy Communion.

May 27, Tuesday afternoon, Grand Rapids, attended meetings preliminary to the Convention. Evening, presided at a Service, when the Rev. C. W. Ward, about to assume the charge of Grace Church in this city, preached.

The following Lists complete the record which I am required by Canon to lay before the Convention:

LAY READERS.

(Holding License till Easter, 1880.)

William J. Stuart, S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, April 27, 1876.

Charles T. Wood*, Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, June 3, 1876.

Horace Gates*, Grand Rapids, July 7, 1876.

William W. Taylor*, All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, November 7, 1876.

Henry C. Matrau, Grace Church, Holland, February 22, 1877.

Alfred B. Taylor, All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, February 22, 1877.

J. B. Murphy, S. Paul's Church, Muskegon, July 4, 1878.

Elvin L. Sprague, Grace Church, Traverse City, February 12, 1879.

Charles Forest Scofield, Casnovia, March 10, 1879.

POSTULANT.

John Frederick Nitschke, of S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo. Admitted June 12, 1875.

* Candidate for Orders.

CANDIDATES.

For Priests' Orders:

Wm. Wordsworth Taylor. Admitted September 26, 1876. Divinity School, in Philadelphia, Penn.

Eugene Jeffrey Babcock. Admitted September 26, 1876. General Theological Seminary, New York.

Rev. William Heavener Sparling, (Deacon). Admitted February 15, 1877.

Charles Taylor Wood. Admitted July 18, 1877. General Theological Seminary, New York.

Horace Gates, Admitted September 15, 1877. Nashotah Theological Seminary.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance of the transfer.)

March 26, 1879—The Rev. William H. Knowlton, to Ecclesiastical Authority of Illinois. Resigned Grace Church, Grand Rapids, March 2, 1879.

April 2, 1879—The Rev. J. Rice Taylor, to Ecclesiastical Authority of New York. Resigned Grace Church, Holland, and All Saints' Church, Saugatuck.

LETTERS DIMISSORY ACCEPTED.

(The date given is that of the acceptance of the transfer.)

September 25, 1878—The Rev. Edward W. Flower, from Ecclesiastical Authority of Michigan, and has become the Rector and Missionary of Grace Church, Holland, (January 6, 1879.) and All Saints' Church, Saugatuck. (February 7, 1879.)

January 7, 1879—The Rev. William W. Fellows, from Ecclesiastical Authority of Southern Ohio, and has become Rector of S. Paul's Church, Muskegon. (November 24, 1878.)

CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE.

May 27, 1878—The Rev. Addis E. Bishop accepted the charge of Christ Church, St. Joseph, with Benton Harbor, and withdrew after four month's service.

November 1, 1878—The Rev. S. H. Woodford, has taken charge of S. John's Church, Grand Haven, having resigned S. Paul's Church, Muskegon. (October 31, 1878.)

January 5, 1879—The Rev. William H. Sparling, Deacon, resigned the charge of Grace Church, Traverse City, and has since officiated in Churches in Grand Rapids.

March 15, 1879—The Rev. Joseph S. Large, has resigned the charge of S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, and has since performed Missionary duty.

March 15, 1879—The Rev. Sidney Beckwith has ceased to officiate in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids.

May 17, 1879—The Rev. Henry Safford resigned S. John's Church, Sturgis, April 22, 1878. Notice received this date.

MISSION ORGANIZED.

February 28, 1879—S. Matthew's, Baldwin.

FUNDS RECEIVED.

Grant from the Board of Missions, January 1, 1878–January 1, 1879		$ 800 00
Stipend, Rev. J. B. Prichard	$ 200 00	
" Rev. Robert Wood	200 00	
" Rev. G. P. Schetky	250 00	
" Rev. W. H. Sparling	150 00	
		$ 800 00
From friends in the Diocese		$ 100 00
" Industrial Band S. Mark's, Grand Rapids		15 00
" Diocese of Michigan	$ 1,275 00	
Expenses of Visitation	77 44	$ 1,197 56
		$ 1,312 56

SERVICES OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE.

August 25, 1878—Preached at Zion Church, Palmyra, New York.

August 28–September 3, 1878—In attendance on the meeting of the House of Bishops, New York.

December 4–6, 1878—At Nashotah Theological Seminary, Meeting of the Trustees.

March 22, 1879—Racine College, funeral of the Warden.

May 8, 1879—Racine College, meeting of Trustees.

About four months' visitations, etc., in the Diocese of Michigan. Parishes and Missions visited, 51. Confirmed, 416.

PASTORAL LETTERS.

(See page 89.)

June 11, 1878—Appeal for Aid for Candidates for the Ministry.

December 12, 1878—A Christmas and New Year Pastoral to Children.

January 28, 1879—Appeal for Aid for Candidates for the Ministry.

NOTICES OF CLERGY DEPOSED.

(The date given is that of the notice.)

June 14, 1878—George Milton Hubbard, Deacon, by the Bishop of California. Sec. i., Canon 5, Title II. "Causes not affecting his moral character."

September 3, 1878—Samuel Allen McCoskry, D. D., D. C. L., Bishop of Michigan. Title I., Canon 15, Sec. xvi., [3].

October 2, 1878—Herbert C. Miller, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Connecticut, acting at the request of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Albany. Title I., Canon 15, Sec., xiii., and Title II., Canon 5, Sec. i.

October 5, 1878—Pliny B. Morgan, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Southern Ohio. Canon 5, Title II. "Having voluntarily and for

reasons not affecting his moral character renounced the Ministry of this Church."

October 5, 1878—Edson B. Cartmill, by the Bishop of Southern Ohio. Canon 5, Title II. "Having voluntarily and for reasons not affecting his moral character renounced the Ministry of this Church."

October 24, 1878—John W. Doremus, Deacon, by the Bishop of Texas. Canon 5, Title II.

November 5, 1878—James Nelson Hume, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Ohio. "He having declared in writing his renunciation of the Ministry of this Church."

December 8, 1878.—J. A. D. Hughes, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania. Canon 5, Title II.

January 31, 1879—James Lavelle, Deacon, William Crawford Wilson, Deacon, Thomas B. Newby, Presbyter, by the Bishop of New Jersey. Canon 5, Title II.

March 7, 1879—Robert E. Terry, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Albany. Sec. i., Canon 5, Title II. "Having declared in writing his renunciation of the Ministry and his design not to officiate in future in any of the offices thereof."

April 18, 1879—C. Ingles Chapin, Presbyter, by the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania. Canon 5, Title II.

May 7, 1879—A. J. Faust, Deacon, by the Assistant Bishop of Maryland. Canon 5, Title II.

SUMMARY.

Baptized (6 adults, 17 infants,)	23
Of these not recorded in Parish Registers, adults 6, infants 11.	
Married,	2
Buried,	3
Preached,	159
Addresses delivered not including Confirmation,	37
Children's Services and Addresses,	39
Celebrated the Holy Communion,	51
Confirmed in 33 Parishes, and 10 Missions and other places,	174
Organized Parishes, visited 28; Missions, 7; other places, 15; visited twice, 14; three times, 4; four times, 1; five times, 1.	
Total number of visitations,	79
Clergymen received,	2
Clergymen transferred,	2
Clergymen in the Diocese changing Parishes and resigning Parishes,	5

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

The Bishop's Pastorals.

To the Clergy and Laity:

DEAR BRETHREN—The late Convention "invited the Bishop to issue a Pastoral or Circular, setting forth the needs of the Diocese in aiding her Candidates for the Ministry, and suggested Trinity Sunday, or a Sunday soon after," as a suitable time for an offering.

I therefore desire to earnestly appeal to the Diocese to relieve me in providing $150 for the year ending October 1, 1878. Of our four candidates three receive aid kindly afforded through other Dioceses. I believe that no assurance need be given that the aid asked will be extended with the utmost care and caution. Should this request not be regarded, we shall have no other resource than to refuse to accept those seeking the Ministry who are unable to fully meet their expenses.

Yours in Christ and the Church,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE,

Bishop of Western Michigan.

S. Barnabas' Day, June 11, 1878.

A CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PASTORAL.

To the Children in the Diocese of Western Michigan:

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS—Some of you may remember, I shall be very much gratified if you do, that last year I wrote a Christmas and New Year pastoral to you.

Now it pleases me to write to over twenty-five hundred children, and I almost feel as if I knew you all, so I am at my desk, just

thirteen days before Christmas, and I shall mail this letter to you through *Our Dioceses*, good Mr. Webster will deliver the letter into your hands.

Have I anything new to say about Christmas? Not a syllable. But then you like to hear even the word, just as Leigh Richmond, who wrote Little Jane and the Dairyman's Daughter, going into a town that had the same name as one of his children, as he walked through the streets would stop the people and ask them, "What place is this," for the pleasure of hearing them say, "Wilberforce."

Christmas at home! Oh, you say, we know all about that—the parlor dressed with greens, the Christmas tree, the Christmas dinner, Christmas night, with company and games. Yes, you know all about it, and I hope you will enjoy it all. But did you ever think that to have the true Christmas at home we must have Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem, with us? What! says some little one, with us as he used to be in Lazarus', and Mary's and Martha's house at Bethany? No, not just that. I will explain. Very likely after Christmas, some absent friend may write to you, "I was with you in spirit on Christmas day; I saw your tree and heard your glad voices." So we may have Christ Jesus with us, looking at us, smiling on us, loving us, blessing us.

Oh, yes, and far more than that, for He is Christ, the Lord, on His throne.

This will make what angels would call a happy Christmas.

And will He thus come to us and bless us? Yes, if we will treat him as we will a friend. If we will make our hearts speak, "Lord, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee." And this from Christmas to Christmas, from New Year to New Year.

He always "comes to His own" when they show they are His own. Will the friend you have neglected all the year come to your Christmas gathering?

I do not want to say anything harsh in a Christmas letter, but I must ask you, what right has any one of us to have a glad Christmas, to keep Christmas, who is "none of Christ's?" I have thought of the angel Gabriel, who was "sent to show the glad tidings," coming upon a company of joyous children on Christmas night, and saying to them, "dear children, you celebrate the birth of my Lord in Bethlehem, but when have I seen your prayers ascending to heaven, when have any of the ministering spirits brought the tidings of your loving obedience, your care to please him?" Children, are you His?

Christmas in the Church! Oh, yes, you say, the Church looks so beautiful dressed with greens, and mottoes on the walls. Indeed it does. But the beauty of the Church on Christmas morn is the

gathered households. Will not Christ Jesus expect the hosannahs of the children in the temple? Who would think of a family dinner on this day and the children missing? And what a strange apology, who would carry it, "the children did not want to come?" Will you not enjoy your Christmas at home all the more when you have had Christmas in the Church? Let your bright faces help "the exceeding great joy," and your voices be heard in the carol.

Christmas in the heart! Some little boy or girl will say, Oh, I wish it was Christmas every day. Well, it is Christmas every day. Where? In the heart. How is that? Why, those words of the angel, "a Saviour who is Christ the Lord" get deep in our hearts, and they are a "well-spring of joy." Said a woman who had been a heathen, "Happy, happy, I have Christ here!" laying her hand on the Bengalee Bible—"and Christ here," pressing it to her breast, "and Christ there," pointing toward heaven. Had she not a perpetual Christmas?

Now I hope you all understand me, I do not wish to make your laugh less merry, your countenances less bright, your voices less joyous on Christmas day; only I would you should have the Christmas that the Lord makes happy.

I have called this a New Year as well as a Christmas letter. Now I will tell you why. I have added to this letter a few simple questions, and while I wish you the happy New Year, I will tell you how I think you can make it happy. Copy these questions, and then put them up where you will see them, and when each day is done, put every one to yourself. I do not ask you to do this to please me, but it will please God, it will help to make you more as Christ Jesus would have you, and to bring your souls at last to Him.

And now, my dear young friends, my wish and prayer is, that God may give you many truly merry Christmases and happy New Years. Affectionately your friend and bishop,

GEO. D. GILLESPIE.

GRAND RAPIDS, Dec. 12, 1878.

QUESTIONS.

1. Have I read the Bible to-day, and did I read it as God's word?
2. Have I prayed to-day, and did I pray as though I wanted God to hear me?
3. Have I tried to please God to-day?
4. Have I allowed pleasure to set aside duty?
5. Have I tried to put down wrong thoughts and wishes, and have I kept under my temper?

6. Have I been pleasant and kind at home and at school with my companions?

7. Have I spoken any false, impure, angry or abusive words to-day?

8. Have I done any kindness to anybody to-day?

9. Do I try so to live that God will love me, and I shall always be ready to die?

10. Do I often think of God as my *Father*, Jesus as my *Saviour*, and the Holy Ghost as my *Sanctifier*?

To the Clergy of the Diocese of Western Michigan:

DEAR BRETHREN—You will remember that in my last Annual Address, I referred to the necessity of providing pecuniary aid for Candidates for the Ministry in the Diocese. A Committee was appointed on this part of the Address, who reported, advising "a collection to be taken annually on Trinity Sunday, or a Sunday soon after."

In conformity with the recommendation of the Committee, I immediately issued a brief Pastoral asking for an offering equal to the necessity. What was the response, the statement from the Treasurer annexed will show.

I am confronted by the fact, that with one hundred dollars required for a Candidate to meet his expenses up to June 1, 1879, there are no funds on hand, and some of the Parishes seem to have entirely lost sight of the action of the Convention, while others as you will see have made very inadequate collections.

The Candidate needs one hundred and fifty dollars a year and must be sustained. If the Diocese refuses to meet the case, the Bishop must redeem the implied pledge of the Convention.

There underlies this whole matter a question that must be determined at once—is the Bishop authorized to say to a Postulant or Candidate who cannot prosecute his studies without pecuniary aid—you shall have such assistance as with economy will provide for your wants; or is he to say, the Diocese declines all such aid? If this is the alternative, it must leave us with few or no candidates; but I cannot consent longer to incur the responsibility which the Diocese does not seem willing to help me to discharge.

Yours in common interest in the Diocese and the Church,

GEORGE D. GILLESPIE,
Bishop of Western Michigan.

GRAND RAPIDS, January 28, 1879.

COLLECTIONS FOR AID TO A CANDIDATE SINCE THE CONVENTION. JUNE, 1878.

Battle Creek, S. Thomas',	$ 7 60
Grand Haven, S. John's,	6 29
Hastings, Emmanuel,	4 69
Saugatuck, All Saints',	2 05
Holland, Grace,	3 67
Paw Paw, S. Mark's,	1 00
Grand Rapids, S. Mark's,	36 85
Niles, Trinity,	10 00
Traverse City, Grace,	2 43
Elk Rapids, S. Paul's,	1 00
Kalamazoo, S. John's,	7 70
Marshall, Trinity,	6 13
Allegan, Good Shepherd,	2 06
Coldwater, S. Mark's,	11 68
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Report of Special Committee

ON THE CHANGE OF AN ORGANIZED PARISH INTO A MISSION.

See pages 58 and 63.

At the last Diocesan Convention, your Committee were appointed to report upon the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a Special Committee of two Clergymen and one Layman be requested to take into consideration, and if thought advisable, report a Canon, and form, whereby an organized Parish may surrender its organization and assume that of a Mission, and report at the next Annual Convention."

Your Committee, as requested, have taken this subject into consideration. They find that the provisions of Canon III., Sec. 2, which provides for the report of a Parish to the Convention as virtually extinct, by the Bishop, and the action of the Convention thereupon, would not terminate the existence of the Parish, for two reasons, viz.: 1. Action under this Canon would not affect the Parish as a body corporate under the civil law. 2. Action under this Canon can go no further than to sever the union of the Parish with the Convention, for the Canon itself provides for the re-admission of the Parish into union with the Convention under certain conditions. The existence of the Parish, legal and actual, must be terminated before an organized Mission can succeed it.

In cases where the Parish has no property, or only property enough to pay its debts, the subject is free from difficulty. The Vestry could, as the agent of the Parish, or, more safely, acting in conjunction with a Parish meeting duly called for the stated object, formally dissolve the Parish in the usual mode by which other civil corporations are dissolved. Application could then be made to the Bishop as provided in Canon XX., Sec. 1 and 2, for the organization of a Mission, and it could be effected without difficulty.

The real embarrassment is, when a Parish desiring to change into an organized Mission has property beyond any obligation of debt. On the dissolution of the corporation, what will become of the property? It could not be divided among the members of the Parish as property could be divided among shareholders in other corporations. It was given to the Church and could not be alienated to individuals for their personal benefit. Aside from this, the matter would be so full of embarrassment as to prevent practical action. But having taken the proper preliminary steps, could not a Parish corporation in its final act of dissolution and as a condition of dissolution, make an assignment to the Trustees of the Diocese, or convey its property to the Trustees of the Diocese, in trust for an organized Mission in the locality of the Parish and perpetuate the services of the Church there? This would be an essential compliance with the understanding of all those who contribute towards the property of the Parish. They could even provide as a condition of the trust that after a certain time and in pursuance of future events that should occur, the property could revert to the use of the Parish which might succeed the Mission. The Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan is a corporate body empowered to manage and control (holding the property in its corporate name) all property, real and personal, belonging to the Church in this Diocese, and to perform such duties and exercise such powers relating to the temporalities of the Church in the Diocese as this Convention shall order. The Board of Trustees of the Diocese is the executive body of the Association. Canon XII. provides that "all conveyances shall be made to, and title to all real estate belonging to the Diocese vest in, this Association, to be held in trust for such purposes as its Articles provide, or as the Convention may by Canon or Resolution direct." Canon XX., Sec. 4, provides that "the title to real estate given to or purchased by a Mission for Church purposes shall be conveyed to and vested in the Board of Trustees of the Diocese of Western Michigan, to be held in trust until such time as the Mission shall become a duly organized Parish, or longer, if the Parishioners shall so elect." These citations show that the Diocese has a corporate body empowered and designed to hold such a trust as your Committee suggest a dissolving Parish might authorize; that the Diocese has by Canon made this body its agent by express direction to assume and execute analogous trusts; and that such a trust would be at once manageable and safe, as the Convention has power and opportunity every year to give any direction concerning it, and the organized Mission will have a delegate at the Convention to care for its interests.

But it may be objected that as the organized Mission is not in existence, and the future Parish with a reversionary right is not in

existence when the trust is created by the Parish, no such trust can be made. "It has, however, been held that property may be granted to individuals for the *use* of a Church not incorporated, in such a way that when the Society may be incorporated it can hold it." (Tyler's American Ecclesiastical Law, Ch. VIII., S. 102.) This decision of the Courts would seem to remove any apprehension upon this head. But the Association of the Diocese is a competent legal body to accept the trust, and the Convention is authorized to direct how it shall execute it. So that there can be no practical difficulty in this direction.

Your Committee are, therefore, of the opinion that a Parish may be changed into an organized Mission by dissolving in due form its existence as a corporate body under the laws of the State, and placing its property in the control of the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan in trust, for conducting an organized Mission at a specified place.

Your Committee further submit the draft of a Canon upon the subject:

CANON ——

OF THE CHANGING OF PARISHES INTO ORGANIZED MISSIONS.

SEC. 1. Any Parish in union with the Convention of the Diocese, desiring, for reasons satisfactory to itself, to change into an organized Mission under the Canons of the Diocese,* shall, on written application of its Vestry, obtain the consent of the Convention of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. When the consent of the Convention has been given, the Parish may proceed to take such steps as are required under the State † Law or the usage in such cases, to terminate its existence as a legal corporation. The Vestry shall call a meeting of the members of the Parish. The notice calling this meeting shall contain an explicit statement that the object of the meeting is to take action toward changing the Parish into an organized Mission, and shall be published by reading in the Church at public services, and otherwise, for thirty days before the date of assembling. At this Parish meeting all persons entitled to vote for members of the Vestry shall have a vote. If two-thirds of those present and voting so order, the Vestry shall meet in its official capacity, and proceed to effect a formal dissolution of the Parish.

Provided, That before the Parish is dissolved, its debts shall all be paid or provided for, and that all property, real and personal, which remains shall be conveyed to the Association of the Diocese of Western Michigan, in trust, for an organized Mission to be established where the Parish formerly existed.

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* Const. Art. VI., § 2, 3; Canon III.

† Compiled Laws of Michigan, Ch. 108, Sec. 3062, page 1038.

SEC. 3. The Resolution by which the dissolution of the Parish is effected shall recite the facts set forth in the previous sections of this Canon, under the dates when the action was taken. There shall also be written underneath this resolution the signatures of the members of the Vestry, and of all the other members of the Parish entitled to vote, who have consented to the dissolution of the Parish, the whole to be duly authenticated. This resolution, with the signatures and authentication, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Diocese, who shall report the action specified therein to the ensuing Diocesan Convention.

SEC. 4. A Parish thus dissolved may be succeeded by an organized Mission, as provided for in Canon XX. of the Canons of the Diocese.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. CONOVER,
Chairman.

Proposed Canon.

Of Communicants.

(See pages 26, 42 and 61.)

SEC. i. No person, removing from one Parish to another in this Diocese, shall be registered as a Communicant of the latter Parish, until he or she shall have presented to the Minister thereof, the Certificate required by Canon 12, Section i., Title II., of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention.

SEC. ii. When any Communicant shall be absent from the Holy Communion, for the space of twelve consecutive months, without reasons satisfactory to the Minister of the parish, such person shall not be reported in the number of Communicants.

SEC. iii. If the Minister shall observe any Communicant of his Parish to be irregular or negligent in coming to the Holy Communion, and shall have visited and admonished the person of the bounden duty, and the Communicant shall continue to neglect, or refuse to be partaker of the Sacrament, then may the Minister of the Parish drop the name of the offending member from the list of Communicants, and give notice of the same to the Ordinary.

An Act

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.*

As amended in the Legislature of 1879.

(NOTE—The italics in Sections 4 and 5, indicate the changes made in the course of Legislation.)

SEC. 1.—*The People of the State of Michigan enact:* That it shall be lawful for any six or more persons, professing attachment to the Protestant Episcopal Church, to execute and acknowledge, before any person authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds, one or more duplicate Articles of Agreement, in writing, whereby they shall agree to organize a Church according to the usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church, by the name and style set forth in such Articles; and upon the execution and acknowledgment thereof, as herein provided, such Church shall become a body politic and corporate, by the name set forth in said Articles, in accordance with the Canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2.—Said Articles shall contain: 1st, The name of the proposed Church; 2nd, The township, or city and county, in which it is located; 3d, the number of Vestrymen, not exceeding ten, who shall have charge of the affairs of such Church, and the time of the annual meeting, which shall be in Easter week; and no Church shall be organized in any township or city, bearing the same name with any other Protestant Episcopal Church theretofore organized therein.

SEC. 3.—Such Articles of agreement, when duly signed and acknowledged, shall be recorded in the office of the County Clerk of the county in which such Church is located; and it shall not be lawful for such Church to acquire the title to any property until such Articles are recorded.

SEC. 4.—Any three or more persons who have signed any such Articles may call the first meeting of such Church, at such time and place as they may see fit, by publishing notice for ten days previous to the time of such meeting, in some newspaper published in

* See pages 53 and 62.

the city or township in which such Church is located; and if no newspaper is published therein, then such notice may be given by posting the same in three of the most public places in such city or township; and at such meeting the affidavit of such posting or publishing shall be produced, and recorded in the minutes. And it is further provided, that at such meeting, in addition to the signers of such Articles, *any other person who may be authorized by the laws of the Church to take part in the organization of Parishes* shall be entitled to vote who shall sign a declaration in writing, to be kept in the book of minutes, whereby he shall signify his intention of attaching himself to said Church, and accepting the terms of such Articles. Vestrymen of the Church shall be elected at said meeting, or any adjournment thereof.

SEC. 5.—At all subsequent meetings, the right of voting shall be confined to such persons *as shall be authorized by the laws of the Church to represent the Congregation, and to vote at Parish meetings.*

The annual meeting shall take place at such time in Easter week as shall be fixed in said Articles. Public notice shall be given of the time and place of holding such meetings on the Sunday before Easter and Easter Day, by the Rector, and, in his absence *or neglect*, by either of the Wardens, at the regular service on such days. In case such services shall not be held, notice shall be given either by publishing or posting, as the Vestry shall direct, written or printed notices thereof, signed by the Rector, or by the Secretary of the Vestry, in case there is no Rector, at least one week prior to such meeting. At such annual meeting an election of Vestrymen shall be had, to serve until the next annual meeting, and until their successors shall be chosen.

The Vestrymen shall be elected by ballot. The Wardens, when present, shall be the judges of the election, and shall permit no person to vote unless qualified as aforesaid; and they shall canvass and declare the result, and the persons having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of the absence of the Wardens, or either of them, members of the Vestry shall be appointed to act as such judges, in the place of the Warden or Wardens absent. The Rector shall preside at all meetings of the Congregation of the Parish, when present. A full and complete record of the proceedings of such meetings shall be kept by the Secretary of the Vestry.

SEC. 6.—The Vestry shall, by ballot, choose two of their number to be Wardens. They may also appoint a Secretary and Treasurer from their own number, and may employ such other agents and servants as may be required.

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Meetings of the Vestry may be called by the Rector of the Church, by giving due notice thereof at any regular service on Sunday, or it may be called by serving a notice in writing, signed by the Rector, either Warden, or any two Vestrymen, upon all others. A majority of the Vestrymen elected shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Rector, when present, shall preside at all Vestry meetings, but shall have no vote, except in case of a tie; and in his absence from the meeting, one of the Wardens, if present, shall preside. All vacancies in such Vestry may be filled by the remaining Vestrymen at any meeting, and the persons so elected shall hold for the same period as their predecessors would have done.

SEC. 7.—All the temporal affairs of such Churches shall be managed by the Vestry thereof; and they shall have authority, in the corporate name, to lease or to purchase and hold such real estate as shall be reasonably necessary for a Church building, Chapel, lecture, and school rooms, and for dwellings for the Ministers thereof, but it shall not be lawful for such corporations to hold or use any real estate for any other purpose for a longer period than ten years. The said Vestry shall also have power to alienate or encumber any of the property of such corporation, but they shall not have power or authority to alienate or encumber any real estate purchased or held for any of the purposes above enumerated, without first being authorized so to do by a vote of the Congregation of the Parish represented by said corporation at a meeting called for such purpose. Notice of the time and place thereof shall be given in the same manner as that of the annual meeting, and no person shall vote at such meeting, except those qualified to vote at the annual meeting. The Vestry shall submit to said meeting, in writing, their proposition as to alienating or encumbering said property with such particularity as to inform such meeting of the material facts to be voted on. The vote shall be by ballot, upon which shall be written or printed: "In favor of sale," or "loan" (as the case may be) "Yes." "In favor of sale," or "loan" (as the case may be) "No." And if a majority of the votes cast at such meeting shall be in the affirmative, then said Vestry shall have the authority to alienate or encumber said property in accordance with such proposition. The Rector, or other person presiding, shall appoint tellers, who shall be members of the Vestry, who shall be the judges of the qualification of the voters, and canvass and certify the result to the Vestry, who shall enter the same upon their records. Said Vestry shall have the authority to erect, alter, repair, enlarge, take down or remove and rebuild any Church or other building belonging to such corporation, provided such Vestry shall

first have obtained authority so to do from the Congregation of the Parish, in the manner hereinbefore provided for alienating or encumbering the property thereof. No owner of any pew or slip in such Church shall be the owner of any interest in the land whereon the same is erected.

SEC. 8.—The Vestry shall keep a record of their proceedings, which, together with the record of the meeting of the Congregation of the Parish shall, at all times, be open to the inspection of any officer of the Parish, and of all persons qualified to vote at the annual meeting of such Church. Such records shall be held to be *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated.

Approved, May 27th, 1879.

Parochial Reports.

Digest of the Canons, Title I., Canon 14, Section IV., (3); Canon 17, Section 1; and of Western Michigan, Canon VIII.

NOTE.—The date annexed to the Parish is that of its Incorporation; that to the Rector's name, of the commencement of his Rectorship.

S. James' Church, Albion, Calhoun County. (1840.)

The Rev. GERRET E. PETERS, Rector. (1870.)

Frederick Wheelock, James B. Delbridge, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 15; by the Bishop, 1; total, 16. Confirmed, 1.		
Communicants—Last reported, 58; admitted, 1; died, 1; present number—male, 12; female, 46; total,		58
Marriages, 3; burials, 7		
Public Services—Sundays, 40; week days, 20; total,		60
Holy Communion—Public, 5.		
Congregation—Families, 71; adults, 167; children, 56; total,		223
Catechising—Second Sunday in the month.		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 7; total,		11
Pupils, male, 20; female, 54; total,		74
Average attendance,		50
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 150.		

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 2 74	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance—Rector's	242 62	
Sexton's,	50 00	
By the Sunday School, for books,	25 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$ 320 36

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$ 5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - -		5 00
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$325 36

Value of Church Property—The Church, $6,000.

Services every Sunday afternoon in the country; baptized four children, attended four funerals, officiated at two marriages, included in above report.

This report extends to October 20, 1878, when services in S. James' Church were suspended in consequence of the Vestry refusing to provide for them after October 1. I then proposed to resign, if the Vestry would settle with me. This they have persistently refused to do; with the Parish in debt to me of not less than $600, I was forced to leave Albion, penniless. But Dr. Monroe generously came to my relief, and loaned me what I asked, without bond or note, so enabling me to remove to Detroit, where my expenses were less, and opportunities for work more favorable; I have been ready at all times to resume services at Albion, when the Vestry provided for them; and equally ready to resign my Rectorship whenever they will settle with me. Since Advent, 1878, I have officiated every Sunday morning at Grosse Isle, and in the evening several times in the city. Baptized nine, 4 adults and 5 children. Officiated at two funerals.

(Bishop's Address, pages 72, 80, 84.)

Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, Allegan County. (1860.)

The Rev. WALTER SCOTT, Rector. (1875.)

Wm. B. Williams, Dan J. Arnold, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 6; adults, 4; total, 10; confirmed, 1.	
Communicants—Last reported, 82; admitted, 1; received, 1; total added, 2; removed, 2; present number—male, 27; female, 55; total, -	82
Marriages, 4; burials, 3.	
Public Services—Sundays, 93; week days, 52; total, -	145
Holy Communion—Public, 13.	
Congregation—Families, 52; adults, 127; children, 88; total, - - - - - - -	215
Catechising—Number of times, 24.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers—male, 7; female, 7; total, - - - - - -	14
Pupils—male, 44; female, 46; total, -	90
Average attendance, - - -	50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	$1050 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	13 00	
Payment of Parish indebtedness,	283 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School purposes,	31 50	
By the Sunday School, for Parish indebtedness,	32 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1,409 50

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$40 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	27 00	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.,	3 25	
Theological Education,	3 50	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	15 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		88 75

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$4 00	
Foreign Missions,	4 00	
Home Missions for Colored People,	2 00	
Indian Missions,	2 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		12 00
Total of Offerings,		$1,510 25

Value of Church Property—The Church, $6,000.

(Bishop's Address, pages 81, 84.)

S. Matthew's Mission, Baldwin, Lake County.

(Organized Feb. 28, 1879.)

I have held eleven services here. Administered the Holy Communion once. A Mission has recently been organized. They have purchased an unfinished building, intending soon to finish it up for a Chapel. Lots were given by the F. P. M. R. R. Co. Baldwin has about 300 inhabitants. There are two Church families and five communicants.—*Report of the Rev. J. B. Prichard.*

S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, Calhoun County. (1842.)

The Rev. JOHN T. MAGRATH, Rector. (1877.)

Clement Wakelee, Chas. F. Bock, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 6; adults, 2; total, 8; confirmed, 14.

Communicants—Last reported, 120; admitted, 1; received, 6; total added, 7; died, 2; removed, 7; dropped, 1; total lost, 10; present number—male, 24; female, 93; total, - - *117

Marriages, 12; burials, 18.

Public Services—Sundays, 102; week days, 81; total, - 183

Holy Communion—Public, 14.

Congregation—Families, 97; adults, 198; children, 132; total, 330

Catechising—Monthly.

Sunday School—Teachers and officers—male, 3; female, 11; total, - - - - - - - 14

Pupils, (Bible Class, 15,) total, - - 127

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,) - - - - - -	$ 31 25	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - -	1,791 88	
The repairs and improvement of Church property, - - - - - -	33 86	
By the Sunday School, for its own expenses,	34 68	
Total for Parochial Objects, - - -		$1,891 67

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$75 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	23 85	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c., - - -	9 15	
Theological Education, - - - - -	7 60	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	10 00	
Mrs. A. Townsend, for Diocesan Missions, -	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects - - -		130 60

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - - -	$ 4 75	
Foreign Missions, - - - - -	1 25	
Home Missions for Colored People, - -	1 25	
Indian Missions, - - - - -	1 25	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews, -	1 00	
Foreign Missions, (Miss M. Scott,) - -	6 86	
Yellow fever sufferers, - - - -	33 78	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		50 14
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$2,072 41

Value of Church Property—The Church and Chapel, $23,000; Rectory, $2,000; Total, $25,000.

(Bishop's Address, pages 80, 84.)

* Not including Class to be admitted, Whitsunday, June 1, 1879.

S. Andrew's Church, Big Rapids, Mecosta County. (1869.)

PARISH VACANT.

(Reported by the late Rector, Rev. Joseph S. Large.)

Luther Cobb, A. Van Alstine, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3. Confirmed—3.

Communicants—Last reported, 42; admitted, 3; received, 3; total added, 6; Removed 5; present number, male, 3; female, 40; total, - - 43

Marriages, 3; burials, 5.

Public Services—Sundays, 81; week days, 22; total, - 103

Holy Communion—Public, 11.

Congregation—Families, 65; adults, 120; Children, 76; total 196

Catechising—Number of times, 10.

Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 7, 8

Pupils, male, 18; female, 24; total, - 42

Average attendance, - - - 30

Parish Library—Number of volumes, - - - 120

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported),	$ 8 50	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - - -	886 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School -	40 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, -		$ 934 50

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$ 10 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	7 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects, -		$ 17 50

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	$ 1 50	
Foreign Missions, - - - - -	1 50	
Home Mission for Colored People, - - -	1 00	
Indian Missions, - - - - -	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$ 5 00
Total of offerings, - - -		$ 957 00

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $125; Pew rents, $450; the Women's Associations, $343; the Sunday School, $40.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $4,000.

Amount of indebtedness, $500.

During the year officiated one Sunday at Greenville, held several week day services at Howard City; on one Sunday at Grand Haven, and on one Sunday at S. Paul's, Grand Rapids.

Since my resignation in March, I have officiated on two Sundays

at Greenville, on two Sundays at Howard City, on Easter Day at Traverse City, on two Sundays at Petoskey and Little Traverse, and on one Sunday, supplied the pulpit of S. Mark's, Grand Rapids, in the absence of the Rector.

(See Bishop's Address, Pages 78, 81, 82 and 85.)

Grace Church, Burr Oak, St. Joseph County. (1868.)

VACANT.

Reported by the Wardens, Wm. Morris, E. E. Beardsley.

MINISTERAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 11; present number male, 4; female, 7; Total,	11
Public Services—Sundays, 1.	
Holy Communion—Public, 1.	
Congregation—Families, 7; adults, 18; children, 10; Total,	28

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Domestic Missions,	$ 70	
For Foreign Missions,	70	
Total of Offerings,		$ 1 40

Mr. Safford, our late Rector, left us nearly two years ago, and since then, we have had no services in the Parish, except those held by the Bishop.

See Bishop's Address, Pages 71 and 82.

Casnovia, Kent County.

I conducted the services of the Church in the town of Casnovia, on every Sunday from the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22, to the Third Sunday after Easter, inclusive. Over fifty persons were present in the hall at the first service. Services since have been well attended, and the congregation unite heartily in the responses. I also superintended the Sunday School connected with the Mission, which had an average attendance of 20 scholars and 4 teachers. The children were catechised and instructed by me in the rites and festivals of the Church.—*Report of C. F. Scofield, Lay Reader.*

May 8, 1879.

Grace Mission, Charlotte, Eaton County. (1876.)

The Rev. JOHN L. TAYLOR, Missionary. (1874.)

A. V. N. Slingerland, Secretary.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2.
Communicants—Last reported, 21; received, 1; removed, 1; present number—male, 6; female, 15; total, - - - - - - 21
Marriages, 2.
Public Services—Sundays, 62; week days, 19; total, - 81
Holy Communion—Public, 5.
Congregation—Families, 12.
Catechising—Number of times, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Mission maintenance, - - - - - -	$66 43	
Donation to Clergyman, - - - - -	75 00	
By the Sunday School, for itself, - - -	20 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - - -		$161 43

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c., - - -	$1 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - -		1 00
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$162 43

The sources of the contributions reported are the Offertory, $27.21; Subscriptions, $15; Women's Associations, $24.22; from the Sunday School, $20.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $700; other property, $200; total, $900.

In addition to services mentioned here and at Eaton Rapids, I have held 14 services at Union City, 2 at Three Rivers, 2 at Mendon, and some out of the Diocese.

(Bishop's Address, page 81.)

S. Mark's Church, Coldwater, Branch County. (1848.)

The Rev. HERBERT J. COOK, Rector. (1875.)

Devereaux S. Harrington, Noah P. Loveridge, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 3; total, 5; confirmed, 11.
Communicants—Last reported, 139; admitted, 11; received, 4; total added, 15; died, 2; removed, 15; dropped, 12; total lost, 29; present number—male, 28; female, 97; total, - - 125
Marriages, 11; burials, 11.
Public Services—Sundays, 94; week days, 104; total, - 198
Holy Communion—Public, 27; private, 3.

Congregation—Families, 93; adults, 190; children, 70; total, 260
Catechising—Number of times, 20.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers—male, 7; female, 7; total, 14
Pupils—male, 16; female, 36; total, 52
Average attendance, 40
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 400.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 64 45	
For the Sunday School and Parish Library,	10 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,352 40	
By the Sunday School, for Bell Fund,	24 83	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1,451 68

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$60 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	36 59	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.,	15 94	
Education of Candidates for Holy Orders,	11 65	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	10 00	
L. R. S. Individual for Itinerant Missionary,	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		144 18

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$13 82	
Foreign Missions,	12 28	
Home Missions for Colored People,	9 65	
Indian Missions,	9 31	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	9 25	
Sufferers by yellow fever, Memphis,	11 07	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		65 98
Total of Offerings,		$1,661 84

Value of Church Property—Chapel, site and organ, $4,500.

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, $441.51; the envelope system, $274.98; subscriptions, $945.38; total, $1,661.84.

(Bishop's Address, pages 81, 82.)

Epiphany Mission, Coopersville, Ottawa County. (1877.)

The Rev. E. W. FLOWER, officiating. (1878.)

H. C. Durphy, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 18; removed, 1; dropped, 3; total lost, 4; present number—male, 3; female, 11; total, 14

Public Services—Sundays, 18; week days, 3; total, - - 21
Holy Communion—Public, 7.
Congregation—Families, 10; adults, 27; children, 35; total, 62
Catechising—Number of times, 6.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 4; total, - - - - - - - - 5
Pupils—Total, - - - - - - - - 33
Average attendance, - - - - 26

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and all other expenses of the Mission,	$ 13 50	
Church building, - - - - - -	100 62	
Room rent - - - - - -	25 00	
By the Sunday School, for its contingent expenses, -	6 20	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$ 145 32

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$ 3 36	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - -		3 36
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$148 68

Value of Church Property—The Church, $400; other property, $100; total, $500.

This Mission was in charge of the Rev. Mr. Morris until September last, when ill health compelled him to cease his ministrations. From September 8th to December 31st, I held services on alternate Sunday mornings, and have made one visit since. I have been unable to obtain any statistics previous to my taking temporary charge of the Mission, hence this report must needs be imperfect. The mere handful, especially the faithful women, have labored with their might to sustain the services and Sunday School, and have partly built on the Church lot a Chapel, 20x40. It is paid for as far as work has been done. The cash value of labor and material is not all included in the above report. I heartily commend this work to the Diocese as well worthy its sympathy and assistance.

At Berlin, six miles East of Coopersville, I held 10 Sunday and 2 week-day services—total, 12. Baptized 1 adult. Holy Communion, Public, 2. Number of Communicants, 7. Contributions—for the Missionary, $27.08; Diocesan Missions, $3.14 total, $30.22.

(Bishop's Address, page 82.)

S. Matthias' Mission, Eaton Rapids, Eaton County. (1876.)

The Rev. JOHN L. TAYLOR, Missionary. (1874.)
S. R. Fuller, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 9; removed, 2; present number—male, 1; female, 5; total, - 6
Burials, 2.

Public Services—Sundays, 36; week days, 2; total, - 38
Holy Communion—Public, 5.
Congregation—Families, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and all other expenses of the Mission,	$75 32	
Church debts, - - - - -	74 50	
Total for Parochial Objects, - - -		$149 82

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.. - - -	$1 50	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - -		1 50
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$151 32

(Bishop's Address, page 81.)

S. Paul's Church, Elk Rapids, Antrim County. (1871.)

The Rev. ALBERT C. LEWIS, Rector. (1869.)

James Cullyford, Edwin S. Noble, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 13; adults, 1; total, 14; confirmed, 5.
Communicants—Last reported, 37; admitted, 1; received, 1; total added, 2; dropped, 1; present number—male, 11; female, 27; total, - 38
Marriages, 4; burials, 12.
Public Services—Sundays, 90; week days, 17; total, - 107
Holy Communion—Public, 15.
Congregation—Families, 34; adults, 71; children, 47; total, - - - - - - - 118
Catechising—Number of times, 12.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers—male, 2; female, 5; total, - - - - - - 7
Pupils—male, 21; female, 41; total, - 62
Average attendance, - - - 45

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 20 18	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - - -	600 00	
Ladies' Guild. - - - - -	152 35	
By the Sunday School, for S. S. Papers, -	13 37	
Total for Parochial Objects, - - -		$794 90

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$21 05	
Assessment of the Convention,	15 00	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.,	5 38	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	13 95	
Total for Diocesan Objects		55 38

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 5 00	
Foreign Missions,	5 00	
Home Missions for Colored People,	2 00	
Indian Missions,	2 00	
Society for the increase of the Ministry,	3 00	
Suffering Brethren South,	12 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$29 00
Total of offerings,		$ 879 28

The sources of the contributions reported above are—The Offertory, $99.61; Subscriptions, $600; Women's Associations, $152.35; the Sunday School, $27.32; total, $879.28.

August 25, 1878, assisted in two services and preached once at Old Mission.

March 30, 1879, held service and preached twice, and gave Holy Communion, Traverse City.

We still live. This portion of the One, Holy, Catholic Church still holds her own.

(Bishop's Address, page 78.)

S. John's Mission, Evart, Osceola County. (1876.)

The Rev. WM. MATTHIAS, Missionary. (1876.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 11.	
Communicants—Last reported, 17; received, 2; died, 1; present number—male, 6; female, 12; total,	18
Marriages, 5; burials, 3.	
Public Services—Sundays, 51; week days, 3; total,	54
Holy Communion—Public, 4.	
Congregation—Families, 13; adults, 27; children, 15; total,	42
Parish Library—Number of volumes,	25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and all other expenses of the Mission,	$76 10	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$76 10

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$1 21	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		1 21
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$77 31

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, 10.81; subscriptions, $42.40; individual gifts, $10.25; Women's Associations, $13.85.

Value of Church Property, $50.00.

I have held the services through the year with much difficulty. The congregations have varied in size from a dozen to one hundred and twenty-five persons. Half of the communicants live several miles away in the country, some of whom have no means of getting to the services. We are greatly in need of efficient laymen in the Mission to do the ordinary lay work.

Trinity Mission, Farwell, Clare County. (1876.)

The Rev. WM. MATTHIAS, Missionary. (1876.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2.	
Communicants—Last reported, 12; removed, 1; dropped, 2; total lost, 3; present number—male, 1; female, 8; total - - - - - - -	9
Public Services—Sundays, 1; week days, 2; total, -	3
Holy Communion—Public, 1.	
Congregation—Families, 6; adults, 16; Children, 10; total	26

S. John's Church, Grand Haven, Ottawa County. (1866.)

The Rev. SIDNEY H. WOODFORD, Rector. (1879.)

Thomas Friant, George D. Sisson, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 8; adult, 1; total, 9; confirmed, 8.	
Communicants—Last reported, 60; admitted, 1; total,	61
Marriages, 1; burials, 5.	
Public Services—Sundays, 57; week days, 43; total, -	100
Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 1.	
Congregation—Families, 40; adults, 125; children, 100; total,	225
Catechising—Number of times, 52.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 5.	8
Pupils, male, 23; female, 34; total, -	57
Average attendance, - - -	40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 23 52	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	803 66	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	900 00	
Payment of old indebtedness,	120 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$1,847 18

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$12 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	18 96	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c..	2 40	
A Candidate for Holy Orders,	6 29	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		39 65

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$3 78	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		3 78
Total of Offerings,		$1,890 61

The above report covers a period of active Parochial work of but little more than six months. The Rectorship of the Parish has been vacant nearly half the year. Owing to the absence of the Treasurer, no financial report of the Sunday School can appear this year. Lay services were kept up during the vacancy.

(Bishop's Address, pages 77, 78, 84.)

S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1836.)

THE REV. GEORGE D. E. MORTIMER, Rector. 1877.

Alonzo Platt, M. D., Henry W. Hinsdale, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 7; adults, 9; total, 16; confirmed, 9.	
Communicants—Last reported, 596; admitted, 9; received, 3; total added, 12; died, 4; removed, 1; dropped, 8; total lost, 13; present number,	595
Marriages, 10; burials, 11.	
Public Services—Sundays, 102; week days, 147; total, -	249
Holy Communion—Public, 46; Private, 8.	
Catechising—In Parish and Mission Sunday Schools, number of times, - - - -	70

In our two Sunday Schools—Teachers and officers, total, -	36
Pupils—Total, - - -	270
Average attendance, - - -	200

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$234 24	
For the Sunday School, Good Samaritan, -	24 26	
S. Mark's Home, - - - - - -	198 01	
Rector's General Fund, - - - -	25 37	
Christmas Decorations, - - - -	19 98	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, (including interest on Church debt, $1,056.60)	6995 44	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	278 52	
By the Industrial Band, for S. Mark's Church, -	11 00	
By the Industrial Band, for S. Mark's Home, -	10 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$7796 82

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, ($50 of which, legacy of M. C. Kendall), - - - - - -	$515 12	
Assessment of the Convention, - -	140 75	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c., - - -	40 97	
Aid to Theological Students, - - -	36 58	
By the Industrial Band, for Bishop's Special Fund,	15 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		$748 43

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	$ 94 88	
Foreign Missions, ($30 of which, legacy of M. C. Kendall). - - - - - - -	65 00	
Indian Missions, - - - - -	13 68	
Nashotah Theological School, by Industrial Band,	5 00	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, -	21 32	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews, - -	17 49	
Sufferers by yellow fever, in the South - -	102 03	
Industrial Band, for Missions, - - -	25 00	
Industrial band, to Church at Hinsdale, Illinois,	6 50	
Woman's Auxiliary, for Missions, - -	30 50	
By the S. Mark's S. S. for Missions, Dom. & For.,	36 71	
By Good Samaritan S. S., for Missions, Dom. & For.,	15 50	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		433 61
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$8,978 86

Value of Church Property—Church and Chapel, $75,000; Rectory, $7,000; total, $82,000.

Amount of indebtedness on Church Property, $24,000.

(Bishop's Address, page 84.)

S. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1871.)

The Rev. SIDNEY BECKWITH, Rector. (1870.)

William F. Walker, George S. Berry, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 2; total, 5; confirmed, 4.
Communicants—Last reported, 87; received, 2; removed, 9; present number—male, 15; female, 65; total, 80
Marriages, 7; burials, 5.
Public Services—Sundays, 97; week days, 46; total, - - 143
Holy Communion—Public, 14.
Congregation—Families, 70; adults, 200; children, 120; total, 320
Catechising—Frequently.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 7; total, - - - - - - 9
Pupils—male, 25; female, 50; total, - 75

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported),	$ 13 80	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - -	725 00	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School use, -	42 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$ 780 80

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$ 17 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, -		27 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Yellow fever sufferers, - - - -	$9 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		9 00
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$816 80

(Bishop's Address, page 85.)

Grace Church. Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1875.)

VACANT.

(Rev. W. H. Knowlton, Rector until April, 1879.)

Reported by the Wardens, A. B. Coffinberry, F. V. Taylor.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 4; adults, 3.
Communicants—Last reported, 87; removed, 4; dropped, 23; total lost, 27, present number, 60
Marriages, 6; burials, 5.
Public Services—Sundays, 130; week days, 112; total, - 242
Holy Communion—Public, 38.

Congregation—Families, 30; adults, 175; children, 100; total, 275
Catechising—Number of times, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers—male, 5; female, 6; total, - - - - - - 11
Pupils, male, 50: female, 38: total, - 88
Average attendance - - - 60

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

For the Sunday School, - - -	$ 20 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - - -	1034 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property, - - - - - - -	100 00	
By the Sunday School, for current expenses -	21 25	
Total for Parochial Objects, - - -		$1,175 25

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - -	$25 00	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c., - - -	3 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects - - -		28 00
Total of Offerings, - - -		$1,203 25

Value of Church Property—The Church, $9,000: other property, $2,000: total, $11,000.

Amount of indebtedness on Church property, $4,400.

(Bishop's Address, pages 79, 83.)

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Grand Rapids, Kent County. (1874.)

The Rev. SIDNEY BECKWITH, lately in charge.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3.
Communicants—Last reported, 41; admitted, 6; present number—Total, - - - - 47
Burial, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 36; week days, 30; total, - 66
Holy Communion—Public, 9.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers—male, 3; female, 12; total, - - - - - - 15
Pupils—male, 81; female, 98; total, - 179

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 5 00	
Salaries and all other expenses, - - -	200 00	
By the Sunday School, for its own maintenance,	34 09	
Total, - - - - - - -		$239 09

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	$3 00	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	5 00	
" " " " for General Missionary Fund,	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - -		13 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions, -	$5 00	
" " " " for Foreign Missions, -	5 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -		10 00
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$202 00

(Bishop's Address, page 83.)

Mission to the Swedes in Grand Rapids, Kent County.

The Rev. P. A. ALMQUIST, Missionary. (1878.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3.
Communicants—Present number—male, 8; female, 10; total, - - - - - - - - 18
Public Services—Sundays, 24; week days, 3; total, - 27
Holy Communion—Public, 3.
Congregation—Families, 12; adults, 36; children, 16; total, 52

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - - - $160 00

The services have been held in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, and in a Hall on the West side.

S. Paul's Church, Greenville, Montcalm County. (1872.)

(Reported by a Communicant.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Present number, - - - - - 35
Marriages—2.
Public Services—Sundays, 3; week days, 5; total, - 8
Holy Communion—Public, 2.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 6; total, - - - - - 7
Pupils, male, 22; female, 28; total, - 50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Total for Parochial Objects, - - $118 43

The sources of the contributions reported above are, The Offertory, $15.74; Subscriptions, $65.75; Women's Associations, $15.05; From the Sunday School, $21.89.

NOTE.—This Parish is now stricken from the List of Parishes. See pages 51, 52.

Emmanuel Church, Hastings, Barry County. (1863.)

The Rev. JOSEPH WEBB BANCROFT, Rector. (1865.)

Henry A. Goodyear, David G. Robinson, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adult, 1; total, 4.
Communicants—Last reported, 82; admitted, 5; died, 2; removed, 5; total lost, 7; present number, male, 11; female, 69; total, - - 80
Marriages, 6; burials, 10.
Public Services—Sundays, 109; week days, 110; total, 219
Holy Communion—Public, 26.
Congregation—Families, 39; adults, 95; children, 50; total, 145
Catechising—Weekly.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 10; total, - - - - - - 12
Pupils—male, 37; female, 55; total, - 92
Average attendance, - - - 58
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 50.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported), - - - - - - - -	$ 26 80	
For the Sunday School, - - - - -	11 52	
Gift to Rector's wife from ladies, - -	50 00	
For Rector's support, - - - - -	740 74	
Sexton's Salary, - - - - - -	78 00	
All other expenses of Parish maintenance, -	52 96	
Expenses of Convocation, - - -	13 00	
By the Sunday School, for current expenses, -	23 51	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$ 996 53

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	$75 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	24 16	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	9 29	
Support of Candidate for Orders, - - -	4 69	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	5 00	
" " " " " Support of Candidate for Orders, - - - - - - -	3 41	
Total for Diocesan Objects, -		121 55

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - - -	$ 2 80	
Foreign Missions, (of which M. C. $4.09,) -	8 00	
Home Missions for Colored People, - -	4 00	
Indian Missions, - - - - - -	4 50	
Church Hospital at Memphis, Tenn., (of which by Woman's Auxiliary, $3.27,) - - - -	8 50	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews, -	6 00	

A box to S. Mark's School, Salt Lake City, Utah, by the Woman's Auxiliary, valued (of which by Industrial Band, $5.50,) - - - - - -	24 86	
A box by the same to the Church Hospital, Memphis, - - - - - - - -	44 62	
Parcel sent by the same to a Theological Student,	6 92	
By the Sunday School, for General Missions,	3 34	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		113 54
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$1,231 62

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, $196.49; the envelope system, $726.74; Women's Associations, $274.13; the Sunday School, $35.26; total, $1,231.62.

Value of Church property—Chapel and Lot, $2,500.

(Bishop's Address, page 82.)

Grace Mission, Hersey, Osceola County. (1876.)

The Rev. WM. MATTHIAS, Missionary. (1876.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 6; removed, 1; present number, female, 5.

Marriages—2

Public Services—Sundays, 12; week days, 1; total, -	13
Congregation—Families, 5; adults, 11; children, 7; total,	18

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of the Mission, -	$17 72	
Total of Offerings, - - -		$17

There had been no pledge from this Mission towards the suppo of the Missionary, when the regular services were commenced tl year.

Grace Church, Holland, Ottawa County. (1868.)

The Rev. E. W. FLOWER, Missionary. (1879.)

John Roost, Henry C. Matrau, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 5; confirmed, 9.

Communicants—Last reported, 27; admitted, 5; received, 4; total added, 9; removed, 4; dropped, 9; suspended, 1; total lost, 14; present number, male, 5; female, 17; total, -

Public Services—Sundays, 21; week days, 26; total, -

Holy Communion—Public, 13; Private, 1.

Congregation—Families, 26; adults, 48; Children, 44; total, 92
Catechising—Number of times, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 6, total, - - - - 8
Pupils, male, 32; female, 39; total, - 71
Average attendance, - - - 41

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 4 60	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - - -	156 53	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	11 50	
Interest on Mortgage, - - - - -	35 25	
By the Sunday School for interest on Church debt,	8 00	
By the Sunday School for its contingent expenses,	12 55	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$ 228 43

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$ 15 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - -	4 00	
Candidate for Holy Orders, - - -	3 67	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		$ 22 67

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

For yellow fever sufferers, - - - -	$ 8 40	
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions,	5 05	
By the Sunday School, for yellow fever sufferers,	1 60	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$15 05
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$266 15

The sources of the contributions reported above are, The Offertory, $129.50; subscriptions, $115.43; individual gifts, $5.00; the whole amount from the Sunday School, $27.20.

Value of Church Property—Church, $5,000.

Amount of indebtedness, $1,200.

One service at Coopersville.

The present Rector assumed charge in January of the present year in connection with All Saints' Parish, Saugatuck. The services and official acts reported above, date only from January. During the whole year there has been lay-reading, one service every Sunday by Mr. H. C. Matrau, to whose fidelity and zeal the Parish is greatly indebted for the continuance of services, and Parish work during the vacancy of Rectorship. Mr. Matrau continues to read service on the Sundays when the Rector is absent at Saugatuck. The City of Holland is an important center for Church work, and could the Church be freed from the burden of a debt of $1,200, many more persons could be induced to cast in their lot with us.

(Bishop's Address, pages 77, 80.)

Christ Church, Homer, Calhoun County. (1840.)

The Rev. L. H. CORSON, Minister.

Josiah N. Westcott, Cyrus Smith, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 1.
Communicants—Last reported, 26; present number, male, 10; female, 16; total, - - - 26
Public Services—Sundays, 50; week days, 1; total, - 51
Holy Communion—Public, 11.
Congregation—Families, 15; adults, 27; children, 9: total, 36

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 12 50	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - -	66 79	
The increase and improvement of Church property, - - - - - -	35 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$114 29

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	$12 50	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	6 58	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - -		$19 08
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$133 37

S. John's Church, Ionia, Ionia County. (1848.)

The Rev. WILLIAM BRITTAIN, Minister in charge. (1876.)

John Young, E. T. Montgomery, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 3; adults, 1; total, 4.
Communicants—Last reported, 37: received, 3; dropped, 2: present number male, 8: female, 30: total,
Marriages, 6; burials, 3.
Public Services—Sundays, 102: week days, 60: total, -
Holy Communion—Public, 14.
Catechising—Number of times, 12.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2: female 7: total, - - - - - -
Pupils, male, 20: female, 30: Total, -
Average attendance, - - -

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

The Sunday School,	$ 26 46	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	622 67	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School,	27 12	
Total for Parochial Objects,		676 25

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		5 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 2 00	
Foreign Missions,	2 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		4 00
Total of Offerings,		$685 25

Value of Church Property—The Church, $2,000.

(Bishop's Address, page 81.)

S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County. (1838.)

The Rev. JAMES F. CONOVER, Rector. (1872.)

Theodore P. Sheldon, Henry Brees, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 6; adults, 4; total, 10; confirmed, 16.

Communicants—Last reported, 178; admitted, 16; received, 20; total added, 36; removed, 14; dropped, 5; total lost, 19; present number, male, 44: female, 151: total, - - - 195

Marriages, 8; burials, 10.

Public Services—Sundays, 152; week days, 121; total, - 273

Holy Communion—Public, 26.

Congregation—Families, 92; adults, 243; children, 99: total, 342

Catechising—Number of times, 24.

Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 8: total, - - - - - 11

Pupils, male, 33; female, 34: total, - 67

Average attendance, - - - 50

S. S. Library—Number of volumes, - - - 400

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 119 84	
For the Sunday School,	57 03	
S. Barnabas' Chapel work,	106 19	
Easter Decorations and gift to Choir,	65 00	

For Sick and Poor,	30 00	
Paid on Parsonage debt,	152 56	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	2,313 09	
(S. Luke's S. S. contributes $70.45 toward these offerings.)		
Total for Parochial Objects,		$2,843 71

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$350 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	64 94	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.,	20 97	
Church building, Rectories, &c.,	93 22	
Kalamazoo Children's Home,	17 20	
Candidate for the Ministry,	19 08	
(By the Sunday Schools, for Diocesan Missions, 20.00.)		
Total for Diocesan Objects,		565 41

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 44 11	
Foreign Missions,	39 13	
Home Missions for Colored People,	16 76	
Indian Missions,	33 45	
Sufferers by Yellow Fever,	131 10	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews,	10 67	
Missionary Bishop's work, (S. Mark's School, Utah,)	40 00	
(By the Sunday School, for objects exterior to the Diocese, $52.71.)		
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$315 22
Total of Offerings,		$3,684 34

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, $490.09; Pew Rents, $2,009.72; subscriptions, $512.56; Individual Gifts, $326.30: Women's Associations, $202.96: the Sunday School, $142.71; total, $3,684.34.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $10,000: Chapel and School House, $1,500: Rectory, $5,000: other property, $500.00: total, $17,000.

Amount of indebtedness on Church Property, $2,500.

S. BARNABAS' CHAPEL.

During the year the Rector of S. Luke's has held 54 services, which are included in the statistics of Public Services already given for S. Luke's Parish. The seats in the Chapel are free. The services have been mainly held Sunday afternoons, but on the first Sunday in the month an evening service is held, and Wednesday evening services were held during Lent The Mothers' Meetings were also resumed and held through the season of Lent. The Sunday School held every Sunday afternoon in the Chapel has three officers, all males, two male and seven female teachers, and an average attendance of 47. During the past year a new library of 160

volumes has been purchased for the School. S. Luke's Sunday School bears all the expenses of this Sunday School, and also the principal expense incurred in the care of the Chapel. The offerings of S. Barnabas' Sunday School during the year amounted to $21.97, which are not included in the offerings of S. Luke's Parish, except $10.00 given by the School to Diocesan Missions. The population of the village in the vicinity of the Chapel is increasing and some new faces appear at the services. Two persons confirmed by the Bishop in the Parish this year were from S. Barnabas' Chapel.

(Bishop's Address, pages 77, 80, 84.)

S. John's Church, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County. (1860.)

The Rev. CHAS. T. STOUT, Rector. (1878.)

John McKee, E. W. DeYoe, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 19; adults, 9; total, 28; confirmed, 21.		
Communicants—Last reported, 88; admitted, 21; received, 10; total added, 31; died, 1; removed, 12; dropped, 10; total lost, 23, present number, male, 19; female, 77; total, - -		96
Marriages, 9; burials, 6.		
Public Services—Sundays, 98; week days, 58; total, -		156
Holy Communion—Public, 19; private, 8.		
Congregation—Families, 76; adults, 132; children, 68; total, - - - - -		200
Catechising—Number of times, 15.		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 4; female, 10; total, - - - - -		14
Pupils, male, 30; female, 51; total, -		81
Average attendance, 51.		
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 243.		

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported), - - - - - - -	$ 18 89	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - - -	*1,374 55	
The increase and improvement of Church property, - - - - - - -	73 93	
Paid on Parsonage debt, - - - - -	72 16	
By the Sunday School, for principal of debt, -	27 84	
By the Sunday School, for general expenses of S. S.,	34 92	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$1,602 29

* Includes interest on Rectory debt, $250.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$11 16	
Assessment of the Convention,	24 25	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.,	4 75	
Aid to Candidate for Orders,	7 78	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	15 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		$ 62 94

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 4 32	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		4 32
Total of Offerings,		$1,669 55

Women's Associations, $322.16.

Value of Church property—The Church, $12,000; rectory, $3,000: total, $15,000.

Amount of Indebtedness on Rectory, $2,400.

(Bishop's Address, pages 77, 83.)

Grace Church, Ludington, Mason County. (1873.)

The Rev. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Rector. (1873.)

John W. Loomis, William H. Williams, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 8; adult, 1; total, 9; confirmed, 2.	
Communicants—Last reported, 35; admitted, 2; removed, 3; present number, male, 9; female, 25; total,	34
Marriages, 2; burials, 7.	
Public Services—Sundays, 102; week days, 53; total,	155
Holy Communion—Public, 10.	
Congregation—Families, 17; adults, 44; children, 39; total,	83
Catechising—Three Sundays in the month, number of times,	36
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 5; total,	6
Pupils—male, 18; female, 25; total,	43
Average attendance,	25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported),	$ 5 00	
Salary,	178 78	
Incidental expenses,	81 99	
Ladies' Aid Society, towards seating Chapel,	70 00	
Ladies' Aid Society, on painting Rectory,	20 00	
Insurance on Church property,	18 00	
By the Sunday School for papers, leaflets, cards, &c.,	23 81	
By the Sunday School for seating the Church,	6 31	
For Prayer books,	7 60	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$ 411 49

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$10 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	7 88	
Support of Candidate for Orders,	1 00	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	5 00	
The Rector's personal pledge for Diocesan Missions,	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		28 88

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 1 58	
Foreign Missions,	1 58	
Home Missions for Colored People,	1 00	
Yellow fever sufferers,	11 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$15 16
Total of Offerings,		$455 53

I have held one evening service at Forman Station; baptized one adult and two children, attended two burials.

Given one Sunday to Manistee, administered the Holy Communion to twenty-four persons, and baptized one child.

(Bishop's Address, page 78.)

S. Paul's Mission, Manistee, Manistee County. (1876.)

Reported by Rev. J. B. PRICHARD.

Mr. William Vincent, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 7: confirmed, 3.	
Communicants—Admitted, 2; present number, male, 6; female, 28: total,	34
Public Services—Sundays, 4; week days, 1; total,	5
Holy Communion—Public, 2.	
Congregation—Families, 20.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and all other expenses of the Mission,	$17 92	
Total of Offerings,		$17 92

Lay services were held during Lent. The Bishop has advised the purchase of a lot and erection of a Chapel as the only means of establishing the Church. The interest has decreased from delay and lukewarmness. The City is growing.

(Bishop's Address, pages 72, 78.)

Trinity Church, Marshall, Calhoun County. (1836.)

The Rev. H. B. WHITTEMORE, Rector. 1874.)

J. H. Montgomery, C. P. Dibble, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 7; adults, 1; total, 8.	
Communicants—Last reported, 194; received, 7; died, 5; removed, 18; dropped, 19; total lost, 42; present number, male, 49; female, 110; total,	159
Marriages, 2; burials, 23.	
Public Services—Sundays, 100; week days, 70; total,	170
Holy Communion—Public, 24; private, 15.	
Congregation—Families, 105; adults, 240; children, 110; total,	350
Catechising—Number of times, 10,	16
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 5; female, 11; total,	114
Pupils, male, 50; female, 64; total,	50
Average attendance.	

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 38 30	
For the Sunday School. Festival at Christmas,	9 98	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	1,660 81	
Offering for improvement of Chancel,	2 34	
Decoration of Church, Christmas,	14 00	
For Christmas bags for inmates of Poor House,	3 00	
Care of Altar Linen and Surplices, by Ladies' Society,	3 00	
By the Sunday School, for its expenses,	30 73	
By the Ladies' Society, for the poor, clothing made and distributed,	30 00	
Easter Flowers.	1 50	
Total for Parochial Objects.		$1,793

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$125 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	43 12	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.,	8 05	
Theological Education,	6 15	
By the Sunday Schools, for Diocesan Missions,	15 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects.		1

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, (Parish, $9.46; Ladies' Society, $1.00; Mite Chest, $2.00.)	$12 46	
Foreign Missions, (Parish, $5.10; Ladies' Society, $6.70; Mite Chest, $2.)	13 80	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	3 00	

Societies for the Conversion of the Jews, -	2 84	
Sufferers by Yellow Fever, - - - - -	48 00	
Box sent by Ladies' Society to Sufferers from yellow fever, Memphis, Tenn., - - - - -	20 00	
Box from Ladies' Society to Indian School, Crow Creek, Dakota, - - - - - - -	10 00	
By the Sunday School, for Orphanage at Memphis, Tenn., - - - - - - - -	2 35	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		112 45
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$2,103 43

Value of Church Property—The Church, $20,000; Rectory Fund, $1,274.53; other property, $100.00; total, $21,374.53.

Four of the burials reported above were outside the Parish—two in Marengo, one at Albion, and one at Burlington.

As I am about leaving the Parish, I thought it best to drop from the Communicant List the names of those who have not communicated during my Rectorship, accordingly have done so.

The City of Marshall is in a rapid decline. As my report shows, the Parish is seriously affected by this decline.

(Bishop's Address, page 84.)

S. Paul's Church, Mendon, St. Joseph County. (1867.)

VACANT.

From the Report of the Rev. S. C. M. Orpen:

"I have baptized two adults and one infant, buried two persons, administered the Holy Communion four times, and held ten services (week days,) in S. Paul's Church, Mendon."

Rev. J. L. Taylor reports two services in S. Paul's, Mendon.

(See pages 51, 52, and Bishop's Address, page 71.)

S. John's Mission, Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County. (1876.)

The Rev. WM. MATTHIAS, Missionary. [1878.]

Joseph Miller, M. D., Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 4; confirmed, 1.	
Communicants—Last reported, 13; admitted, 1; received, 8; total added, 9; removed, 1; present number, male, 11; female, 10; total, -	21
Public Services—Sundays, 30; week days, 1; total, -	31
Holy Communion—Public, 4.	

Congregation—Families, 8; adults, 26; children, 18; total, 44
Catechising—Number of times, 5.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers—male, 4; female, 3; total, - - - - - - - 7
Pupils—male, 12; female, 16; total, - 28
Average attendance, - - - 25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and all other expenses of the Mission,	$150 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	10 00	
Total of Offerings, - - -		$160 00

(Bishop's Address, page 79.)

S. Paul's Church, Muskegon, Muskegon County. (1867.)

The Rev. W. W. FELLOWS, Rector. (1879.)

J. B. Murphy, James Snow, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 6; adults, 2; total, 8; confirmed, 11.
Communicants—Last reported, 65; admitted, 15; received, 3: total added, 18: removed, 3; dropped, 20: total lost, 23: present number, male, 10: female, 50: total, - - - - 60
Marriages, 1: burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 90; week days, 60; total, - 150
Holy Communion—Public, 14.
Congregation—Families, 50; adults, 70; children, 10; total, 80
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3; female, 5: total, - - - - 8
Pupils, male, 30; female, 40; total, - 70
Average attendance, - - - 60
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 65.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

For the Sunday School, - - - -	40 00	
Parish Library, - - - - - -	30 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - -	1,200 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	200 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$1,470 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - -	$ 25 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - -	5 00	
Episcopate Fund, - - - - -	1 00	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c., - - -	2 15	
Total for Diocesan Objects - -		33 15

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions,	$ 1 00	
Foreign Missions,	1 00	
Society for the increase of the Ministry,	1 00	
Nashotah Theological School,	2 00	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies,	1 00	
Missionary Bishops' work,	1 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$ 7 00
Total of Offerings,		$1,510 15

(Bishop's Address, pages 82, 83.)

S. Mark's Mission, Newaygo, Newaygo County. (1876.)

VACANT.

Reported by Rev. E. W. Flower, officiating on alternate Sundays from September to January, 1879.

E. S. Bennett, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 1: adults, 4: total, 5: confirmed, 3.	
Communicants—Last reported, 15: total lost, 1: Present number, male, 3; female, 11; total,	14
Public Services—Sundays, 18.	
Holy Communion—Public, 6.	
Catechising—Number of times, 9.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2: female 5: total,	7
Pupils, Total,	40
Average attendance,	30

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and all other expenses of the Mission (estimated)	$125 00	
Total,		$125 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$11 22	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		11 22

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Yellow fever sufferers, Memphis,	$ 4 88	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$ 4 88
Total of Offerings,		$141 10

(Bishop's Address, page 83.)

Trinity Church, Niles, Berrien County. (1834.)

The Rev. R. McMURDY, D. D. LL. D., Rector. (1876.)

Rufus Wharton Landon, David Oliphant Woodruff, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 42; adults, 11; total, 53; confirmed, 20.
Communicants—Last reported, 471: admitted, 28: received, 4; total added, 32; died, 15: removed, 60: dropped, 12: total lost, 87: present number, total, - - - - - - 416
Marriages, 2; burials, 33.
Public Services—Sundays, 124: week days, 203: total, - 327
Holy Communion—Public, 22: private, 23.
Congregation—Families, 260; adults, 750; Children, 200; total, 950
Catechising—Number of times, 12.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 5: female, 20: total, - - - - - - 25
Pupils, male, 50: female, 100: total, - 150
Average attendance, - - - 95
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 150.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,) - - - - - - -	$ 100 00	
The Sunday School, - - - - -	60 00	
Parish Library, - - - - - -	40 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - -	1,523 00	
Miscellaneous, - - - - - -	770 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, -		$2,493 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$125 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	42 50	
Church building, rectories, et c., - -	50 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - -		$217 50
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$2,710 50

Value of Church Property—Church, $20,000: Rectory, $1,700: total, $21,700.
Amount of indebtedness on Church property, $1,850.
(Bishop's Address, page 84.)

S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw, Van Buren County. (1851.)

The Rev. GEO. P. SCHETKY, D. D., Rector and Missionary. (1877.)

John K. Pugsley, Daniel C. Coleman, Wardens.

Baptized—Infants, 2; confirmed, 3.
Communicants—Last reported, 50: admitted, 3: received, 5: total added, 8: died, 2: removed, 8: dropped, 1: total lost, 11: present number, male, 7: female, 40: total, - - - 47

Marriages, 1; burials, 4.
Public Services—Sundays, 116: holy days, 28: week days, 50: total, - - - - - - - 194
Cottage Services, - - - - - - - 42
Holy Communion—Public, 22: private, 1.
Congregation—Families, 50; adults, 125; children, 60: total, 185
Catechising—Weekly.
Sunday School—Officers, male, 3: teachers, female, 7: total, 10
Pupils, male, 22: female, 37: adult Bible Class, 6: total, - - - - 65
Average attendance, - - - 35
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 160.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

For the Sunday School, - - -	$ 15 82	
Insurance, - - - - - -	15 00	
Lamps, - - - - - -	6 75	
Chest for Communion Service Plate, - -	2 00	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance from Easter, 1878, to Easter, 1879, viz.:		
Rector on account of salary, - - $379 41		
Sexton's salary, - - - 26 50	434 79	
Fuel, lights, &c., - - - - 28 88		
By the Sunday School, for papers, - -	9 65	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$484 02

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$ 3 92	
Assessment of the Convention, - - -	8 96	
Convocation expenses, - - - -	5 32	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c., - - -	2 00	
S. Mark's Hospital, - - - -	1 00	
Candidate for Holy Orders, - - -	1 00	
Box for Diocesan Missionary, (value $25.) - -	25 75	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	1 08	
Total for Diocesan Objects, -		49 03

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	$2 47	
Foreign Missions, - - - - - -	4 94	
Indian Missions, - - - - - -	75	
Yellow fever sufferers, - - - - -	8 72	
Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, -	3 61	
Societies for the Conversion of the Jews, - -	50	
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions,	5 88	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		26 87
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$559 92

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, $95.93; Pew Rents, $239.60: subscriptions, $77.33: Women's Associations, $130.45: the Sunday School, $16.61: total, $559.92.

Value of Church property—The Church, $3,000: other property $485: total, $3,485.

In addition to the foregoing report of ministerial acts in this Parish, I have performed missionary duty as Itinerant Missionary in this county, of which a separate report is made. Other services outside the Parish have been as follows: S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, supplied three times in the absence of the Rector and addressed the Sunday School. At the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, assisted once, preached and addressed the Sunday School. Held one service, with an address, at S. Mark's Home. At Kalamazoo, assisted in each of the Churches, once, and at Three Rivers and S. Luke's Church, Kalamazoo, took part in funeral services, and have participated in the Convocations and Diocesan Missionary Meetings.

(Bishop's Address, pages 79, 83.)

S. James' Mission, Pentwater, Oceana County. (1872.)
The Rev. JOSEPH B. PRICHARD, Missionary. (1872.)
Henry A. Cross, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2: confirmed, 5.	
Communicants—Last reported, 24; admitted, 1; died, 1; present number, male, 4: female, 20, total,	24
Burials—1.	
Public Services—Sundays, 26.	
Holy Communion—Public, 6.	
Congregation—Families, 13; adults, 40: children, 24; total,	64
Catechising—Number of times, 10.	
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1; female, 7; total,	8
Pupils—male, 20; female, 25; total,	45
Average attendance.	40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and all other expenses of the Mission,	$60 00	
For Prayer Books,	4 80	
Incidentals,	25 92	
By the Sunday School, for Sunday School,	5 00	
Total for Local Objects,		$95 72

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects,		5 00
Total of Offerings,		$100 72

(Bishop's Address, page 79.)

Trinity Mission, Plainwell, Allegan County. (1870.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Confirmed—1.
Communicants—Last reported, 12; total lost, 4; present number, male, 2; female, 6; total, - 8
Public Services—Sundays, 2; week days, 13; total, - 15
Holy Communion—Public, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and all other expenses of the Mission,	$ 10 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	16 80	
Payment of indebtedness on Church lot, - -	175 00	
Donation, $2 from Mr. Crane, of Paw Paw, -	4 50	
Total for Local Objects, - - - -		$ 206 30

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Foreign Missions, - - - - - -	$ 50	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -		50
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$206 80

The sources of the contributions above are Women's Associations, $200.

(Bishop's Address, page 84.)

S. John's Mission, Quincy, Branch County. (1873.)

The Rev. H. J. Cook, Missionary. (1876.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Present number, male, 1; female, 13; total, 14
Public Services—Sundays, 18; week days, 9: total, - 27
Holy Communion—Public, 3.
Congregation—Families, 13; adults, 28; children, 15: total, 43

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE MISSION.

Salaries and all other expenses of the Mission,	$46 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$ 46 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	$ 10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		10 00
Total of Offerings, - - -		$56 00

The sources of the contributions reported above are The Offertory, $25.00; Subscriptions, $21.00; Women's Association, $10.00; total, $56.00.

Value of Church Property, $1,000.00.

Trinity Church, Saranac, Ionia County. (1860.)

VACANT.

Reported by Marshall A. Weiers, Warden.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 15; total added, 10; died, 1; removed, 2; total lost, 3; present number, male, 6; female, 16: total,		22
Marriages, 1.		
Public Services—Sundays, 2; week days, 9; total, -		11
Congregation—Families, 16; adults, 20; children, 2; total,		22
Catechising—Number of times, 42.		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 6: female, 4; total, - - - - -		10
Pupils, male, 14: female, 14: total, -		28
Average attendance, - - -		28

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Foreign Missions, - - - - -	$ 2 46	
Total of Offerings, - - - -		$ 2 46

Value of Church Property—Church, $3,000.

The only services held during the year have been a Sunday from the Bishop, and week day services by the Rev. Mr. Brittain, of Ionia, now discontinued.

(Bishop's Address, page 79.)

All Saints' Church, Saugatuck, Allegan County. (1868.)

The Rev. E. W. FLOWER, Missionary. (1879.)

Alfred B. Taylor, Pierce M. Abbey, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—adult, 1; confirmed, 1.		
Communicants—Last reported, 34; admitted, 1; removed, 4; dropped, 13; total lost, 17; present number, male, 5; female, 13; total, - -		18
Public Services—Sundays, 20; week days, 3; total, -		23
Holy Communion—Public, 10.		
Congregation—Families, 23; adults, 56; children, 50; total,		106
Catechising—Number of times, 10.		
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 1: female, 6; total, - - - - -		7
Pupils, male, 25; female, 35; total, -		60
Average attendance, - - -		41

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$ 1 76	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance,	142 76	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	15 14	
By the Sunday School for its contingent expenses,	15 00	
Total for Parochial Objects,		$174 66

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions,	$10 00	
Assessment of the Convention,	7 50	
Candidates for the ministry,	2 05	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects		29 55

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Foreign Missions,	$ 1 18	
By the Sunday School, for Domestic Missions,	2 50	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		3 68
Total of Offerings,		$207 89

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, $23.52; subscriptions, $83.33; Individual Gifts, $7.50; Women's Associations, $35.00; the whole amount from the Sunday School, $37.50.

Value of Church Property—The Church, $4,000.

The present Rectorship began the first of January last, the Parish having been without the services of a Clergyman during the former part of the Convention year, hence, the scarcity in the matter of contributions and official acts. Mr. A. B. Taylor held lay-service on Sundays for a greater part of the time till the present Rector assumed charge. The duties of the Rector are divided with Grace Church, Holland.

(Bishop's Address, pages 77, 80.)

Christ Church, St. Joseph, Berrien County. (1872.)

VACANT—NO REPORT.

This Parish is now stricken from the List of Parishes.

(See pages 51, 52, and Bishop's Address, page 72.)

S. John's Church, Sturgis, St. Joseph County. (1873.)

The Rev. S. C. M. ORPEN, officiating. (1878.)

George W. Harris, E. P. Holloway, Wardens.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 15; admitted, 2; received, 2; total added, 4; removed, 4: present number—male, 3; female; 12; total, - - 15
Public Services—Sundays, 25; week days, 6; total, - 31
Holy Communion—Public, 6.
Congregation—Families, 16: adults, 31: children, 18: total, - - - - - - - - - 49
Catechising—Number of times, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - -	250 00	
The increase and improvement of Church property, - - - - - - -	60 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, -		$310 00

The sources of the contributions reported above are the Offertory, $250; Women's Associations, $60; total, $310.

Value of Church property—Total, $50. Indebtedness, $125.

The people now have "a mind to work," and doubtless soon there will be erected a little chapel at a moderate cost. Some of the debt owed by the Church has been paid and now but $125 is owing on the lot.

(Bishop's Address, page 82.)

Trinity Church, Three Rivers, St. Joseph County. (1853.)

VACANT.

Reported by the Wardens, Thomas M. Clark, LaFayette Lake.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 1;
Communicants—Last reported, 47; received, 2; died, 1; removed, 3; total lost, 4; present number, male, 15; female, 30: total, - - - - 45
Burials, 1.
Public Services—Sundays, 11; week days, 1; total, - - 12
Holy Communion—Public, 6; private, 1.
Congregation—Families, 39; adults, 65; Children, 25; total, - 90
Catechising—Number of times, 1.
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 140.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - -	$ 79 13	
The increase and improvement of Church property,	78 38	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		157 51

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention, - - -	$ 6 66	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - -		6 66
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$164 17

Value of Church Property—The Church, $4,000.
(Bishop's Address, pages 80, 81.)

Grace Church, Traverse City, Grand Traverse County. (1877.)

VACANT—REPORTED BY THE WARDENS,
Elvin L. Sprague, Homer P. Daw.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 17; adults, 5; total, 22; confirmed, 4.
Communicants—Last reported, 35; admitted, 4; died, 1; removed, 6; dropped, 1; total lost, 8; present number, male, 8; female, 23; total, 31
Marriages, 2; burials, 2.
Public services—Sundays, 82; week days, 27; total, - 109
Holy Communion—Public, 4:
Congregation—Families, 20; adults, 30; children, 15; total, 45
Catechising—Number of times, 20.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 6; female, 6; total, - - - - - - 12
Pupils, male, 20; female, 35; total, - 55
Average attendance, 50.
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 178.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Alms at Holy Communion, (not otherwise reported,)	$109 85	
For the Sunday School, - - - - -	84 01	
Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - - -	749 25	
Total for Parochial Objects, - - -		$943 11

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - - -	$30 00	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c., - -	2 20	
By the Sunday School, for Diocesan Missions,	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - -		37 20

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - -	$2 30	
Home Missions for Colored People, - -	1 25	
Indian Missions, - - - - - -	1 25	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese,		$ 4 80
Total of Offerings, - - -		$985 11

Value of Church Property—The Church, $1,800; other property, $400; total, $2,800.
(Bishop's Address, page 78.)

Tustin, Osceola County. (1873.)

The Rev. P. A. ALMQUIST, Missionary. (1878.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 14.
Communicants—Present number, male, 27; female, 21; total, 48
Marriages, 2; burials, 3.
Public Services—Sundays, 49; week days, 7; total, - 56
Holy Communion—Public, 3; private, 1.
Congregation—Families, 24; adults, 70; children, 59; total, 129

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Salaries and all other expenses of Mission maintenance, $138 00
Value of Church property—The Church, $800.

Grace Church, Union City, Branch County. (1865.)

VACANT.

Reported by the Wardens, Hiram Crissy, Henry F. Ewers.

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Communicants—Last reported, 35; removed, 3; dropped, 8; total lost, 11; present number, male, 10; female, 14; total, - - - 24
Public Services—Sundays, 60; week days, 7; total, - 67
Holy Communion—Public, 8.
Congregation—Families, 12; adults, 27; children, 10; total, 37
Catechising—Number of times, 16.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 2; female, 1; total, - - - - - 3
Pupils, male, 5; female, 5; total, - 10
Average attendance, - - - 7
Parish Library—Number of volumes, 16.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - - $150 62

Total for Parochial Objects, - - $150 62

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Assessment of the Convention, - - - $2 48

Total for Diocesan Objects, - 2 48

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - - $1 34

Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, 1 34

Total of Offerings, - - - - $154 44

The sources of the contributions reported above are The Offertory, $95.14.
Value of Church property—The Church, $2,400.

(Bishop's Address, page 80.)

Van Buren County (Itinerant) Mission.

The REV. GEO. P. SCHETKY, D. D., Missionary. (1877.)

Herewith I present a summary of Ministerial acts and other particulars connected with each point in this missionary field that has received my care during the past year. *S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw,* is reported, separately, as an organized Parish in union with the convention.

Lawton—Services in a hall. Communicants last reported, 4; dropped, 1; present number, male, 1; female, 2; total 3; who come to the Parish church. Public services (monthly): Sundays, 12; week days, 1; total, 13. Congregation: Families, 3; Adults, 7; children, 7; total, 14. Average attendance, 50. Offerings: for expenses of the Missionary, $13.10.

Decatur—Services in a rented hall. Baptized: Infants, 1. Communicants last reported, 12; removed, 1; present number, male, 1; female, 10; total, 11. Burials, 1. Public services, (monthly): Sundays, 1; week days, 12; total, 13. Holy Communion, 9. Congregation: Families, 9; adults, 26; children, 7; total, 33. A Sunday School numbering 20 pupils and 4 teachers, was in successful operation, until the winter set in, and then was discontinued, upon the responsibility of one of the teachers, and, from other local hindrances in a sect-divided community. Average attendance on services, 30. Offerings: for expenses of the missionary, $13.63; Rent of hall, $8.25; total, $21.88. I received a contribution of $25.67 from the Sunday School of Grace Church, Utica, N. Y., for Church building purposes at Decatur, which was immediately remitted to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Diocese. The ladies of the mission raised "about $20," by means of a social, for the same purpose; which, they inform me, is deposited in bank. By special invitation, I delivered a lecture before the Temperance Reform Association.

In the foregoing report, is included a family of two adults and three children, (one female communicant) residing at *Keeler,* (eight miles north), who are occasional attendants upon the services at Decatur.

Pine Grove—Services in Public School House. Baptized: Adults, 2; Infants, 4; total, 6. Communicant, 1, (female). Public services on week days, 2. Congregation: Families, 2; adults, 7; children, 5; total, 12. Offerings: for expenses of the missionary, 50 c. The vicinity of this hamlet to Kendall, (three miles east,)

whither several families and persons, previously reported, have removed, and where there is a more numerous population, decided me in giving less frequent services at this place, especially after the declension of interest caused by the removal of many who had been regular attendants upon our services. A lot has been promised, if there is a revival of interest, for a church building. The place is visited by me, monthly, and occasional services will be held. Five miles west is the village of *Bloomingdale*, where we had a family of three communicants, who removed last fall to Iowa. I visit that place occasionally, in the hope of finding some church people there, or in the immediate vicinity.

Lawrence—No services have been held in this place during the past year; and of all points within the bounds of this itinerancy none is so discouraging to effort as this, where so much time and labour have been bestowed to create and foster an interest. The place is visited monthly, as an act of sympathy for the very few who are still attached to the church. Communicants: last reported, 11; removed, 5; dropped 2; present number, female, 4; who occasionally attend the services at the Parish church. Families, 3; adults, 6; children, 3; total, 9.

Mattawan—Two services were held at this place last summer; when, owing to an utter lack of interest on the part of the people, and their refusal to provide for the expenses of the missionary or furnish a conveyance, it was dropped from my list of stations. It was a case where a missionary may willingly labour without any remuneration, and at his own charges, and, by a very simple test, at last discover how little prized are services thus rendered. The only communicant has removed, and the population of the village, steadily decreasing in numbers, is sadly afflicted by every species of "error in religion."

South Haven—Services in a hall. Baptized: Adults, 2; infants, 5; total, 7. Confirmed, 3. Communicants: (admitted, 3); male, 4; female, 11; total, 15. Public services: week days (monthly), 13. Holy Communion, 5. Congregation: Families, 19; adults, 38; children, 20; total, 58. Average attendance on services, 35. Offerings: For domestic missions, $2.55; for expenses, $41.28; total, $43.83. The evidence of interest at this station encourages the hope, that, at no distant day, a mission may be formally organized, and measures adopted for building a church.

In addition to the foregoing, I have the pleasure of reporting the following statistics of stations, added to the list of my monthly (week day) appointments in this itinerancy, since the last convention:

Kendall—First service, June 13, 1878. Service in Methodist Chapel, rented for the purpose. Baptized: Infants, 2. Confirmed, 3. Communicants: (admitted 3); female, 6. Public services, 12. Holy Communion, 2. Congregation: Families, 10; adults, 20; children 10; total, 30. Average attendance at services, 50. Offerings: for expenses of the Missionary, $9.47; for rent, $3; total, $12.47. Several English Church families reside in and near this small village, which now, for the first time, receives the services of the Church. It is a floating population, dependent, mainly, upon two branches of industry—a brick-yard and a chair factory—and has but few elements for advance. The most that can be hoped for, at present, is, that we may encourage the few who are attached to the Church, to abide faithful in the midst of a community bitterly and ignorantly prejudiced and hostile to the Church, and her doctrine and order.

Hartford—First service, Sept. 16, 1878. Services in Baptist Chapel, rented for the purpose, until April. We have now the gratuitous use of a commodious hall. Baptized: Adults, 3; infants, 5; total, 8. Confirmed, 3. Communicants: (Admitted, 2); female, 6. Public services, 12. Holy Communion, 3. Congregation: Families, 16; adults, 30; children, 10; total, 40. Average attendance at services, 50. Offerings: For rent and Sexton, $5.50; expenses of Missionary, $3.87; total, $9.37. The service of the Church was held in this village, once, many years since. An interest is now manifested, which, with the growth of the place, and the return of children of the Church from strange pastures, we may hope will result in the establishment of a vigorous and prosperous mission station. A Ladies' Missionary Aid Society has been organized, and an eligible lot for a church has been offered.

Bangor—First service, Sept. 17, 1878. Service in Methodist Chapel. Baptized: Infant, 1. Communicants: Male, 2; female 3; total, 5. Public Services, 4. Holy Communion, 1. Congregation: Families, 5; adults, 12; children, 5; total, 17. Offerings: for expenses of the Missionary, $1.36; Sexton, 50 c.: total, $1.86. Shortly after the last convention, a service was held here by the Rev. W. H. Sparling, at which time a child was baptized—making two baptisms at this place within the year. This was the first acquaintance which many had with the service of the Church, and thus the way was opened for me to add this to the list of my stations. Various circumstances hindered me in giving earlier attention to the points on the line of the Chicago and Lake Shore road, and subsequently, owing to sickness in the family of the only male communicant residing in this village, I have been unable to make

appointments with regularity. "The Furnace," and "Chemical Works," in prosperous operation at this growing village, employ a large number of hands, who, for the most part, are connected with the sects, or have become utterly indifferent to any religious influences. Spiritualism and Infidelity have produced most baneful effects: yet Christ has here His few faithful ones, and we "labour in hope" that the seed here sown, may, in God's good time, through His grace and blessing, bring forth abundant fruit to His honour and praise.

Breedsville—First service, Feb. 11, 1879. Services in a rented hall. Baptized: Adult, 1. Confirmed, 2. Communicants: (Admitted, 2); Male, 1; female, 5; total, 6. Public services, 7. Holy Communion, 4. Congregation: Families, 6; adults, 16; children, 7; total, 23. Average attendance at services, 40. Offerings: For rent, $2.50; Music Books, $3.56; expenses of Missionary, $3.75; total, $9.81.

The late Rev. Wm. N. Lyster, resided a short distance from this village, and many years since held occasional services. The place is noted for irreligion, and infidelity, and as being the principal seat of Spiritualism in this county; the blasting effects of which are evident in the temporal, as well as religious condition of the community. Yet, there are such indications of a growing interest as to encourage the few faithful members of the Church, in their efforts to sustain the services, and to co-operate with the Missionary in his arduous labour at this point. A lot has been promised, and the little flock are seriously thinking of taking measures for the erection of a small church.

The Public School at each Missionary Station, and the County House and Jail have been visited, and Bibles, Tracts and papers have been distributed.

In a survey of the entire field, the Missionary finds abundant reason for the expression of a devout thankfulness for the Divine mercy, favour and benediction, which have attended his labours, and praying for the continuance of that help and strength which have been so graciously vouchsafed him in the past, is encouraged to look hopefully for an increase of spiritual harvest in a field where there yet exist many unkindly and hindering influences.

(Bishop's Address, Page 83.)

Church of the Redeemer, Whitehall, Muskegon County. (1870.)
The Rev. ROBERT WOOD, Rector. (1875.)

MINISTERIAL ACTS.

Baptized—Infants, 2; adults, 2; total, 4; confirmed, 10.
Communicants—Last reported, 30; admitted, 3; present number, male, 6: female, 27: total, - 33
Marriages, 2; burials, 3.
Public Services—Sundays, 120; week days, 40; total, - 160
Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 1.
Congregation—Families, 30; adults, 50; children, 50; total, 100
Catechising—Number of times, 12.
Sunday School—Teachers and officers, male, 3: female, 3; total, - - - - - 6
Pupils, male, 15: female, 15: total, - 30
Average attendance, - - - 25
S. S. Library—Number of volumes, 100.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH.

Salaries and all other expenses of Parish maintenance, - - - - - - - -	$500 00	
Total for Parochial Objects, - -		$500 00

FOR OBJECTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	$17 00	
Assessment of the Convention, - - - -	10 00	
Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c., - - -	3 00	
Total for Diocesan Objects, - - -		30 00

FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE.

Domestic Missions, - - - - -	$4 00	
Total for Objects Exterior to the Diocese, -		4 00
Total of Offerings, - - - - -		$534 00

(Bishop's Address, pages 82, 85.)

Reports

OF CLERGYMEN NOT IN CHARGE OF PARISHES.

Extract from Digest of the Canons of the General Convention:

TITLE I., CANON 17, SECTION I.

"Every Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional Services he may have performed; and if he have performed no such Services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same."

THE REV. DARIUS BARKER, PAW PAW. (1866.)

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

I am sorry to say that I have performed no official acts during the past year of which to make report.

THE REV. ADDIS E. BISHOP. (1877.)

No Report.

THE REV. COLLEY A. FOSTER, M. D., LL. D. (1864.)

Residing at GRAND RAPIDS.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

As your Presbyter I have nothing to report for the past Convention year, save assisting yourself, I believe, twice in the services of the Church. I still pursue the practice of the medical profession for supporting my family.

THE REV. CHARLES R. HUSON, COLDWATER. (1871.)

No Report.

THE REV. MOSELEY MORRIS, GRAND RAPIDS. (1870.)

No Report.

The Rev. Mr. Morris withdrew from his Missionary field on account of ill-health, August 31, 1878, and is still disabled.

THE REV. HENRY SAFFORD. (1870.)

Temporarily residing in TOPEKA, KANSAS.

During the past Conventional year, I have, on one occasion, assisted Bishop Vaile in reading the service, and in administering the Holy Communion; and on another, read the entire service, preached the sermon, and administered the Holy Communion, in Grace Church, Topeka. These are the only opportunities offered me for rendering the Church any service in an official way, which I have cheerfully embraced, thankful that I can do thus much in so good a cause.

THE REV. V. SPALDING, residing at THREE RIVERS. (1871.)

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

Your aged servant, as in duty bound, once more, makes this his annual report of the *few* ministerial acts which he has had opportunity to perform during the past year:

Assisted in service, three times, in Trinity Church, Three Rivers.

Baptized one infant, in Trinity Church, Three Rivers.

Assisted in service, at Rev. M. E. Buck's funeral, in Kalamazoo.

Assisted in service and preached once, in Grace Church, Grand Rapids.

Assisted in service once, at Missionary Meeting, in Kalamazoo.

He has *resided* at Three Rivers most of the time through the year, *waiting* for his Lord's *call* to *leave* this world of care and sin and sorrow; and *feebly* striving to become *fit* for admittance into that "better country" where "the *pure* in *heart*" "shall *see God*."

THE REV. WILLIAM H. SPARLING. (1876.)

Residing at GRAND RAPIDS.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D.:

Since my resignation of Grace Church, Traverse City, I have assisted the Rev. G. D. E. Mortimer, of S. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, and supplied Grace Church, Grand Rapids, after the resignation of the Rev. W. H. Knowlton, until the arrival of his successor.

I have baptized one infant and officiated at one funeral.

The work of the Ministry is the work of my life, and I cannot well be contented outside of it.

The Convocations.

The Convocation of Grand Rapids embraces twenty-three counties, viz.: Antrim, Benzie, Clare, Charlevoix, Emmett, Grand Traverse, Ionia, Isabella, Kalkaska, Kent, Lake, Leelenaw, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford, having an aggregate population of 241,481.

The Convocation of Kalamazoo embraces ten counties, viz.: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Eaton, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Van Buren, having an aggregate population of 285,620.

The total population of the Diocese, (census of 1874,) is 527,101.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONVOCATION OF GRAND RAPIDS.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of Western Michigan:

There have been three meetings of the Grand Rapids Convocation during the last Conventional year. The first, held in S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, June 5th, 1878, was a business meeting, at which were elected the officers of the Convocation for the ensuing year. The Rev. Robert Wood was elected President, and the Rev. Sidney H. Woodford, Secretary.

The second meeting was held at Elk Rapids, in the month of

July, 1878. No minutes of that meeting have been received by the Secretary, (who was absent,) from the Secretary *pro tem.*

The third meeting was held in S. Paul's Church, Muskegon, beginning Tuesday evening, January 28, 1879. There were present the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Rev. Messrs. Beckwith, Fellows, Knowlton, Large, Mortimer, Prichard, and Woodford. The appointed order of proceedings was carried out, and the feeling was expressed freely by the members of the Convocation that the session had been one of peculiar interest and profit. Respectfully submitted.

SIDNEY H. WOODFORD,
Secretary.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONVOCATION OF KALAMAZOO.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop of Western Michigan:

The undersigned, Secretary of the Convocation of Kalamazoo, would respectfully submit the following as his annual report:

During the past Convocational year there have been held three meetings of Convocation. The first was the annual meeting held in S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, June 4, 1878. No business was transacted except to hear and approve the annual reports to the Bishop of the retiring Secretary and Treasurer, and to elect officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected: President, Rev. James F. Conover; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Walter Scott.

The second meeting of Convocation was held in S. Mark's Church, Paw Paw, on Tuesday evening and Wednesday, September 10 and 11, 1878. There were present the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop, and President *ex officio;* Rev. J. F. Conover, President; Rev. George P. Schetky, D. D., Rector of the Parish, and Revs. Darius Barker, J. W. Bancroft, H. J. Cook, J. T. Magrath, G. E. Peters, H. B. Whittemore, and W. Scott. Sermons were preached by the Rev. G. E. Peters and the Rev. H. J. Cook. Papers were read by Rev. J. F. Conover on "The religious Training of the

Young," and by the Rev. W. Scott on "The Tenure of Church property," and a discussion held on the subject, "The Christian Household." The offerings amounted to $5.50, applied to payment of expenses.

The third meeting of Convocation was held in Emmanuel Church, Hastings, Tuesday evening and Wednesday, Feb. 4 and 5, 1879. There were present the Right Rev. George D. Gillespie, Bishop and President *ex officio;* the Rev. J. F. Conover, President; the Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rector of the Parish, and Revs. H. J. Cook, J. T. Magrath, G. P. Schetky, D. D., J. L. Taylor and W. Scott. Sermons were preached by Rev. J. F. Conover and Rev. W. Scott. A paper was read by the Rev. Dr. Schetky on "How to improve Lent." Discussion was held on the question, "How far is amusement allowable in raising money for Church purposes?" Also of the subject of "Expository Preaching." Offerings, $13, applied to the payment of expenses.

The attendance of the Laity at the above meetings was good, and the hospitality all that could be asked. The Clergy take very great interest in these meetings, and they are accomplishing an excellent work, both in the parishes where they are held and among the Clergy themselves.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WALTER SCOTT,
Secretary.

S. Mark's Home and Hospital.

To the Right Reverend George D. Gillespie, D. D., Bishop:

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to submit this, my report, as Rector of S. Mark's Home and Hospital, for the year ending April 25th, 1879.

During the year one hundred and twenty-five persons have been admitted to the Home. Of this number one hundred and two have been dismissed, leaving the number of inmates at the above named date twenty-three.

Six deaths have occurred in the year; all of which were from

Consumption. There was one birth in the Home. The number of permanent inmates is fifteen.

Twenty children have been received during the year; for many of these good homes, by adoption and otherwise, have been attained.

The pecuniary condition of the Home is satisfactory. The income from all sources during the fiscal year was $2,011.75. The expenditures were $1,861.75; leaving a balance in the treasury of $150.00.

The liberality of Mr. E. P. Fuller, who for five years past has extended us the use of the building in which this institution is located *free of rent*, has not diminished with the passing years; and he has recently granted us the gratuitous use of the house for another year.

The zeal and benevolence of the Executive Committee of "The Home" deserve the most loving commendation of their Rector. These ladies have held forty-eight meetings during the year, with an average attendance of twelve members; and to their Christian fidelity, energy and wisdom, under God, the success of the institution is principally indebted.

GEO. D. E. MORTIMER,
Rector.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS—NUMERICAL STATISTICS.

PLACES.	PARISHES.	BAPTISMS.			CONFIRMED.	COMMUNICANTS.											MARRIED.	BURIED.	FAMILIES.	Adults & Children.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.					
													Present No.								Teachers.			Scholars.		
		Infants.	Adults.	Total.		Last Reported.	Admitted.	Received.	Total Added.	Died.	Removed.	Dropped, etc.	Total Lost.	Males.	Females.	Total.					Males.	Females.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Albion	S. James'	16	....	16	1	58	1	....	1	1	....	....	1	12	46	58	3	7	71	223	4	7	11	20	54	74
Allegan	Good Shepherd	6	4	10	1	82	1	1	2	....	2	....	2	27	55	82	4	3	52	215	7	7	14	44	46	90
Battle Creek	S. Thomas'	6	2	8	14	120	1	6	7	2	7	1	10	24	93	117	12	18	57	330	3	11	14	....	....	127
Big Rapids	S. Andrew's	3	....	3	3	42	3	3	6	....	5	....	5	3	40	43	3	5	65	196	1	7	8	18	24	42
Burr Oak	Grace	....	....	....	....	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	7	11	....	....	7	28	....	....	....	....	....	....
Coldwater	S. Mark's	2	3	5	11	139	11	4	15	2	15	12	29	28	97	125	11	11	93	260	7	7	14	16	36	52
Elk Rapids	S. Paul's	13	1	14	5	37	1	1	2	....	....	1	1	11	27	38	4	12	34	118	2	5	7	21	41	62
Grand Haven	S. John's	8	1	9	8	60	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	61	1	5	40	225	3	5	8	23	34	57
Grand Rapids	S. Mark's	7	9	16	9	596	9	3	12	4	1	8	13	....	....	595	10	11	....	....	....	....	36	....	....	270
Grand Rapids	S. Paul's	3	2	5	4	87	....	2	2	....	9	....	9	15	65	80	7	5	70	320	2	7	9	25	50	75
Grand Rapids	Grace	4	3	7	....	87	....	....	....	....	4	23	27	....	....	60	6	5	80	275	5	6	11	50	38	88
Hastings	Emmanuel	3	1	4	....	82	5	....	5	2	5	....	7	11	69	80	6	10	39	145	2	10	12	37	55	92
Holland	Grace	5	....	5	5	27	5	4	9	....	4	10	14	5	17	22	....	....	26	92	2	6	8	32	39	71
Homer	Christ	1	....	1	....	26	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	16	26	....	....	15	36	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ionia	S. John's	3	1	4	....	37	....	3	3	....	....	2	2	8	30	38	6	3	....	....	2	7	9	20	30	50
Kalamazoo	S. Luke's	6	4	10	16	178	16	20	36	....	14	5	19	44	151	195	8	10	92	342	3	8	11	33	34	67
Kalamazoo	S. John's	19	9	28	21	88	21	10	31	1	12	10	23	19	77	96	9	6	76	200	4	10	14	30	51	81
Ludington	Grace	8	1	9	2	35	2	....	2	....	3	....	3	9	25	34	2	7	17	83	1	5	6	18	25	43
Marshall	Trinity	7	1	8	....	194	....	7	7	5	18	19	42	49	110	159	2	23	105	350	5	11	16	50	64	114
Mendon	S. Paul's	1	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Muskegon	S. Paul's	6	2	8	11	65	15	3	18	....	3	20	23	10	50	60	1	1	50	80	3	5	8	30	40	70
Niles	Trinity	42	11	53	20	491	28	4	32	15	60	12	87	....	....	416	2	33	260	950	5	20	25	50	100	150
Paw Paw	S. Mark's	2	....	2	3	50	3	5	8	2	8	1	11	7	40	47	1	4	50	185	3	7	10	22	37	59
Saranac	Trinity	....	....	....	....	15	....	....	10	1	2	....	3	6	16	22	1	....	16	22	6	4	10	14	14	28
Saugatuck	All Saints'	....	1	1	1	34	1	....	1	....	4	13	17	5	13	18	....	....	23	106	1	6	7	25	35	60
Three Rivers	Trinity	1	....	1	....	47	....	2	2	1	3	....	4	15	30	45	....	1	39	90	....	....	....	....	....	....
Traverse City	Grace	17	5	22	4	35	4	....	4	1	6	1	8	8	23	31	2	2	20	45	6	6	12	20	35	55
Union City	Grace	....	....	....	....	35	....	....	....	....	3	8	11	10	14	24	....	....	12	37	2	1	3	5	5	10
Whitehall	Redeemer	2	2	4	10	30	3	....	3	....	....	....	....	6	27	33	2	3	30	100	3	3	6	15	15	30

MISSIONS, ETC.																													
Berlin		...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Casnovia		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	20
Charlotte	Grace	2	...	2	...	21	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	6	15	21	2	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coopersville	Epiphany	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	1	3	4	3	11	14	...	...	0	62	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	33
Eaton Rapids	S. Matthias'	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	1	5	6	...	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Evart	S. John's,	11	...	11	...	17	...	*2	2	1	...	...	1	6	12	18	5	3	13	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Farwell	Trinity	2	...	2	...	12	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	1	8	9	...	...	6	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Rapids	Good Shepherd	3	...	3	...	41	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	...	1	...	...	3	12	15	81	98	179		
Grand Rapids	Swedes' Mission	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	10	18	...	...	0	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Greenville		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	2	...	...	...	1	6	7	22	28	50		
Hersey	Grace	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	5	5	2	...	5	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kalamazoo	S. Barnabas'	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	7	12	...	...	47		
Manistee	S. Paul's	7	...	7	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	28	34	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Pleasant	S. John's	4	...	4	1	13	1	8	9	...	1	...	1	11	10	21	...	...	8	44	4	3	7	12	16	28		
Newaygo	S. Mark's	1	4	5	3	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	11	14	...	...	...	50	2	5	7	...	...	40		
Pentwater	S. James'	2	...	2	5	24	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	4	20	24	...	1	13	64	1	7	8	20	25	45		
Plainwell	Trinity	...	...	...	1	12	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	2	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quincy	S. John's	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	14	...	...	13	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sturgis	S. John's	...	...	...	...	15	2	2	4	...	4	...	4	3	12	15	...	...	16	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tustin		14	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	21	48	2	3	24	129	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rangor		2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	5	...	...	5	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Breedsville	Van Buren	...	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	6	...	...	6	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decatur		1	...	1	...	12	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	10	11	...	1	9	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hartford	County,	5	3	8	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	16	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kendall		2	...	2	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	10	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lawrence	(Itinerant)	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	5	2	7	...	4	4	...	...	3	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lawton		...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	3	...	...	3	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pine Grove	Mission.	4	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Haven		5	2	7	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	11	15	...	...	19	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Totals,	*259	+78	337	+174	3012	151	91	242	39	205	159	404	437	1373	3031	116	198	1708	5868	99	215	354	753	1069	2359		

* Includes one at Portland. Bishop's address, page 80. † Includes one at Schoolcraft, Bishop's address, page 80.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS—FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

PLACES.	PARISHES.	WITHIN THE DIOCESE.						WITHOUT THE DIOCESE.							
			DIOCESAN.												
		PAROCHIAL.	Diocesan Missions.	Diocesan Assessment.	Ag'd & Infirm Clergy Fund.	Other Objects	Total for Dioc's'n Objects	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions to color'd people	Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Total Outside of the Diocese.	Total from Associations of Women.	Total from Sunday Schools.	Total from all Sources.
Albion	S. James'	$ 320 36	$ 5 00				$ 5 00								$25 00	$ 325 25
Allegan	Good Shepherd	1469 50	55 00	$ 27 00	$ 3 25	$ 3 50	88 75	$ 4 00	$ 4 00	$ 2 00	$2 00		$ 12 00		78 50	1510 26
Battle Creek	S. Thomas'	1891 67	90 00	23 85	9 15	7 60	130 60	4 75	8 11	1 25	1 25	$34 78	50 14		49 68	2072 41
Big Rapids	S. Andrew's	934 50	10 00	7 50			17 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00		5 00	$ 343 00	40 00	957 00
Burr Oak	Grace							70	70				1 40			1 40
Coldwater	S. Mark's	1451 68	80 00	36 59	15 94	11 65	144 18	13 82	12 28	9 65	9 31	20 92	65 98		34 83	1661 84
Elk Rapids	S. Paul's	794 90	35 00	15 00	5 38		55 38	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	15 00	29 00	152 35	27 32	879 28
Grand Haven	S. John's	1847 18	12 00	18 96	2 40	6 29	39 65	3 78					3 78			1890 61
Grand Rapids	S. Mark's	7796 82	515 13	140 75	40 97	51 58	748 43	148 73	118 80		13 68	152 34	433 61	98 00	52 21	8978 86
Grand Rapids	S. Paul's	780 80	17 00	10 00			27 00					9 00	9 00		42 00	816 80
Grand Rapids	Grace	1175 25	25 00		3 00		28 00								21 25	1203 25
Hastings	Emmanuel	996 53	80 00	24 16	9 29	8 10	121 55	6 14	8 00	4 00	4 50	90 90	113 54	274 13	35 26	1231 62
Holland	Grace	228 43	15 00	4 00		3 67	22 67	5 05				10 00	15 05		27 20	266 15
Homer	Christ	114 29	12 50	6 58			19 08									133 37
Ionia	S. John's	676 25	5 00				5 00	2 00	2 00				4 00		27 12	685 25
Kalamazoo	S. Luke's	2843 71	350 00	64 94	20 97	129 50	565 41	84 11	39 13	16 76	33 45	141 77	315 22	202 96	142 71	3724 34
Kalamazoo	S. John's	1602 29	26 16	24 25	4 77	7 78	62 94	4 32					4 32	322 16	77 76	1669 55
Ludington	Grace	411 49	20 00	7 88		1 00	28 88	1 58	1 58	1 00		11 00	15 16	90 00	40 12	455 53
Marshall	Trinity	1793 66	140 00	43 12	8 0	6 15	197 32	12 46	13 80			86 19	112 45	72 20	48 08	2103 43
Muskegon	S. Paul's	1470 00	25 00	5 00	2 15	1 00	33 15	2 00	1 00			4 00	7 00			1510 15
Niles	Trinity	2493 00	125 00	42 50		50 00	217 50									2710 50
Paw Paw	S. Mark's	484 02	5 00	8 96	2 08	33 07	49 03	8 35	4 04		75	12 83	26 87	130 45	16 61	559 92
Saranac	Trinity								2 46				2 46			2 46
Saugatuck	All Saints'	174 66	20 00	7 50		2 05	29 55	2 50	1 18				3 68	35 00	27 50	207 89
Three Rivers	Trinity	157 51		6 66			6 66									164 17
Traverse City	Grace	943 11	35 00		2 20		37 20	2 30		1 25	1 25		4 80			985 11
Union City	Grace	150 62		2 48			2 48	1 34					1 34			154 44
Whitehall	Redeemer	500 00	17 00	10 00	3 00		30 00	4 00					4 00			534 00

MISSIONS, ET C.																
Berlin	....	27 08	3 14				3 14									30 22
Casnovia	....		1 86				1 86									1 86
Charlotte	Grace	161 42			1 00		1 00							24 22	20 00	162 43
Coopersville	Epiphany	145 32	3 36				3 36								6 20	148 68
Eaton Rapids	S. Matthias'	149 82			1 50		1 50									151 32
Evart	S. John's	76 10	1 21				1 21							13 85		77 31
Grand Rapids	Good Shepherd	239 09	13 00				13 00	5 00	5 00				10 00		54 09	262 09
Grand Rapids	Swedes' Mission	160 00														160 00
Greenville	....	118 43												15 05	21 89	118 43
Hersey	Grace	17 72														17 72
Manistee	S. Paul's	17 92														17 92
Mt. Pleasant	S. John's	160 00														160 00
Newaygo	S. Mark's	125 00	11 22				11 22					4 88	4 88			141 10
Pentwater	S. James'	95 72	5 00				5 00								5 00	100 72
Plainwell	Trinity	206 30						5					50	200 00		206 80
Quincy	S. John's	46 00	10 00				10 00							10 00		56 00
Sturgis	S. John's	310 00												60 00		310 00
Tustin	....	138 00														138 00
Bangor	Van Buren	1 86														1 86
Breedsville		9 81														9 81
Decatur		21 88														21 88
Hartford	County	9 37														9 37
Kendall		12 47														12 47
Lawton	Itinerant	13 10														13 10
Pine Grove		50														50
South Haven	Mission.	41 28						2 55					2 55			43 83
Totals		$35,746 43	1,768 58	537 68	135 00	322 94	2,765 20	326 48	229 54	38 91	69 19	593 61	1,257 73	2,043 37	920 33	*41,202 14

* Includes sums reported to the Convention, but not tabulated above.

Sunday School, S. Barnabas, Kalamazoo,	$ 11 97
Annual Subscription to the Income of the Episcopal Fund, by a member of S. Mark's, Grand Rapids,	100 00
"From friends" to Bishop Gillespie,	100 00
By Bishop Gillespie.	1,197 56
Offertory at Convention	24 25
	$1,433 78

Statistics

Of the Diocese of Western Michigan, for the Year ending May 28, A. D., 1879.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

CLERGY—			
Canonically resident, the Bishop, 30 Presbyters, 1 Deacon,			32
Clergymen connected with Parishes,	15		
Clergymen connected with Missions,	3		
Clergymen connected with both Parishes and Missions,	4		
Clergymen doing occasional Missionary work,	3		
Clergymen having no cure,	6		
Clergymen present in Convention,	27		
Candidates for Orders, 5; and Postulant, 1,			6
CHURCH PROPERTY—			
Value of, reported in 21 Parishes,	$241,559 53		
Value of, reported in 4 Missions,	1,500 00		
		$243,059	53
Indebtedness upon 8 Parishes,		36,975	00
EPISCOPAL ACTS—Summary of, see page 88.			
ORGANIZED MISSIONS—Number of,			11
Having Chapels or Churches,	3		
PARISHES—Number of, in union with the Convention,			29
Having Rectories, 7.			
Having Chapels or Churches,	27		
Having Chapels and Churches,	3		
Number of Chapels in unorganized Missions,	3		
Total number of Church edifices,			36

SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

CONGREGATIONS—			
Families reported in 48 Parishes and Missions,			1,708
Adults and children in 48 Parishes and Missions,			5,868
BAPTISMS—			
Infants in 41 Parishes and Missions,	259		
Adults in 26 Parishes and Missions,	78		
			337
CONFIRMED—In 29 Parishes and Missions,			174

COMMUNICANTS—			
Last reported in 44 Parishes and Missions,	3,012		
Admitted in 27 Parishes and Missions,	151		
Received in 20 Parishes and Missions,	91		
Total added in 30 Parishes and Missions,		242	
Died, in 14 Parishes and Missions,	39		
Removed from 30 Parishes and Missions,	205		
Dropped in 22 Parishes and Missions,	159		
Total lost in 38 Parishes and Missions,		404	
Present number in 55 Parishes and Missions: male, 437; female, 1,373; not specified, 1,221; total,			3,031
MARRIAGES—In 27 Parishes and Missions,			116
BURIALS—In 29 Parishes and Missions,			198
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—			
Teachers in 32 Parishes and Missions; male, 94; female, 208; not specified, 40; total,			342
Scholars in 32 Parishes and Missions; boys, 753; girls, 1069; not specified, 49; total,			2,312

SUMMARY OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOR PAROCHIAL PURPOSES—			
Communion Alms, (not otherwise reported,) in 18 Parishes and 1 Mission,	$ 850 22		
For Sunday Schools in 21 Parishes and 4 Missions	809 46		
For salaries and current expenses in 26 Parishes and 25 Missions,	28,208 71		
For increase and improvement of Church property in 13 Parishes and 4 Missions,	2,000 30		
For reduction of debt in 6 Parishes and 2 Missions,	2,286 91		
For other objects in 9 Parishes and 1 Mission,	1,590 83		
Total in 26 Parishes and 25 Missions,			$35,746 43
FOR DIOCESAN OBJECTS—			
For Diocesan Missions in 24 Parishes and 8 Missions,	$1,768 58		
For Diocesan Assessment in 22 Parishes,	537 68		
For Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund in 15 Parishes and 2 Missions,	135 00		
For other objects, in 15 Parishes,	322 94		
Total in 26 Parishes and 10 Missions,			2,764 20
FOR OBJECTS EXTERIOR TO THE DIOCESE—			
For Domestic Missions in 21 Parishes and 3 Missions,	$326 48		
For Foreign Missions in 16 Parishes and 1 Mission,	229 54		
For Home Missions to Colored People in 9 Parishes,	38 19		
For Indian Missions in 10 Parishes,	69 19		

For relief of yellow fever sufferers in 11 Parishes and 1 Mission,	457 65	
For Societies for the conversion of the Jews, in 6 Parishes,	38 50	
For Bible and Common Prayer Book Societies, in 5 Parishes,	38 18	
For other objects in 5 Parishes,	59 28	
Total in 23 Parishes and 3 Missions,		$1,257 73
Total,		$39,768 36
Of which, by Women's Associations,	$2,043 37	
Of which, by Sunday Schools,	920 33	
MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS—		
From Sunday School, S. Barnabas', Kalamazoo,		$ 11 97
Offertory at Convention,		24 25
Subscription to the Income of the Episcopal Fund,		100 00
"From friends in the Diocese," to Bishop Gillespie,		100 00
By Bishop Gillespie,		1,197 56
Total from all sources, for all purposes,		$41,202 14

VACANT PARISHES.

S. James' Church,	Albion.
S. Thomas' Church,	Battle Creek.
S. Andrew's Church,	Big Rapids.
Grace Church,	Burr Oak.
Christ Church,	Homer.
Trinity Church,	Marshall.
S. Paul's Church,	Mendon.
Trinity Church,	Niles.
Trinity Church,	Saranac.

ORGANIZED MISSIONS VACANT.

Grace Mission,	Charlotte.
S. Matthias' Mission,	Eaton Rapids.
S. Paul's Mission,	Manistee.
S. Mark's Mission,	Newaygo.

CLERICAL CHANGES SINCE CONVENTION.

The Rev. Eugene J. Babcock has been ordained to the Diaconate, and officiates in S. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids.

The Rev. Sidney Beckwith has resigned the charge of S. Paul's Memorial Church, Grand Rapids, and has been transferred to the Diocese of Michigan.

The Rev. Joseph S. Large has accepted the Rectorship of Grace Church, Traverse City.

The Rev. Robert McMurdy, D. D., LL. D., has resigned the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Niles.

The Rev. John T. Magrath has resigned S. Thomas' Church, Battle Creek, and removed to the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Gerret E. Peters has resigned the Rectorship of S. James' Church, Albion, and has been transferred to the Diocese of Michigan.

The Rev. John L. Taylor has resigned Charlotte and Eaton Rapids, and taken charge of Grace Church, Union City; and Trinity Church, Three Rivers, with missionary work on M. C. Air Line R. R. P. O. Three Rivers.

The Rev. C. W. Ward has accepted the Rectorship of Grace Church, Grand Rapids.

REPORT.

of Rev. Charles R. Huson, Coldwater.

(Received too late for insertion in place.)

I send my Report for the last year. I officiated three Sundays in S. Mark's Church, Coldwater, the Rector being absent: Assisted the Rev. Wyllys Hall in S. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor, in reading the Service and at the Holy Communion one Sunday, and had three funerals.

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Albion	S. James'	16	....	16	1	58	1	....	1	1	....	....	1	12	46	58	3	7	71	223	4	7	11	20	54	74
Allegan	Good Shepherd	6	4	10	1	82	1	1	2	....	2	....	2	27	55	82	4	3	52	215	7	7	14	44	46	90
Battle Creek	S. Thomas'	6	2	8	14	120	1	6	7	2	7	1	10	24	93	117	12	18	97	330	3	11	14	....	....	127
Big Rapids	S. Andrew's	3	....	3	3	42	3	3	6	....	5	....	5	3	40	43	3	5	65	196	1	7	8	18	24	42
Burr Oak	Grace	....	....	....	....	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	7	11	....	....	7	28	....	....	....	....	....	....
Coldwater	S. Mark's	2	3	5	11	139	11	4	15	2	15	12	29	28	97	125	11	11	93	260	7	7	14	16	36	52
Elk Rapids	S. Paul's	13	1	14	5	37	1	1	2	....	....	1	1	11	27	38	4	12	34	118	2	5	7	21	41	62
Grand Haven	S. John's	8	1	9	8	60	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	61	1	5	40	225	3	5	8	23	34	57
Grand Rapids	S. Mark's	7	9	16	9	596	9	3	12	4	1	8	13	....	....	595	10	11	....	....	....	....	36	....	....	270
Grand Rapids	S. Paul's	3	2	5	4	87	....	2	2	....	9	....	9	15	65	80	7	5	70	320	2	7	9	25	50	75
Grand Rapids	Grace	4	3	7	....	87	....	....	....	....	4	23	27	....	....	60	6	5	80	275	5	6	11	50	38	88
Hastings	Emmanuel	3	1	4	....	82	5	....	5	2	5	....	7	11	69	80	6	10	39	145	2	10	12	37	55	92
Holland	Grace	5	....	5	5	27	5	4	9	....	4	10	14	5	17	22	....	....	26	92	2	6	8	32	39	71
Homer	Christ	1	....	1	....	26	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	16	26	....	....	15	36	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ionia	S. John's	3	1	4	....	37	....	3	3	....	....	2	2	8	30	38	6	3	....	....	2	7	9	20	30	50
Kalamazoo	S. Luke's	6	4	10	16	178	16	20	36	....	14	5	19	44	151	195	8	10	92	342	3	8	11	33	34	67
Kalamazoo	S. John's	19	9	28	21	88	21	10	31	1	12	10	23	19	77	95	9	6	76	200	4	10	14	30	51	81
Ludington	Grace	8	1	9	2	35	2	....	2	....	3	....	3	9	25	34	2	7	17	83	1	5	6	18	25	43
Marshall	Trinity	7	1	8	....	194	....	7	7	5	18	19	42	49	110	159	2	23	105	350	5	11	16	50	64	114
Mendon	S. Paul's	1	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Muskegon	S. Paul's	6	2	8	11	65	15	3	18	....	3	20	23	10	50	60	1	1	50	80	3	5	8	30	40	70
Niles	Trinity	42	11	53	20	491	28	4	32	15	60	12	87	....	....	416	2	33	200	950	5	20	25	50	100	150
Paw Paw	S. Mark's	2	....	2	3	50	3	5	8	2	8	1	11	7	40	47	1	4	70	185	3	7	10	22	37	59
Saranac	Trinity	....	....	....	....	15	....	....	10	1	2	....	3	6	16	22	1	....	16	22	6	4	10	14	14	28
Saugatuck	All Saints'	....	1	1	1	34	1	....	1	....	4	13	17	5	13	18	....	....	23	106	1	6	7	25	35	60
Three Rivers	Trinity	1	....	1	....	47	....	2	2	1	3	....	4	15	30	45	....	1	30	90	....	....	....	....	....	....
Traverse City	Grace	17	5	22	4	35	4	....	4	1	6	1	8	8	23	31	2	2	20	45	6	6	12	20	35	55
Union City	Grace	....	....	....	....	35	....	....	....	....	3	8	11	10	14	24	....	....	12	37	2	1	3	5	5	10
Whitehall	Redeemer	2	2	4	10	30	3	....	3	....	....	....	....	6	27	33	2	3	30	100	3	3	6	15	15	30

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS—NUMERICAL STATISTICS. (Continued.)

MISSIONS, ETC.																														
Berlin			1	1													7												
Casnovia																											4			20
Charlotte	Grace	2		2		21		1	1		1		1	6	15	21	2		12											
Coopersville	Epiphany					18					1	3	4	3	11	14			10	62	1	4	5							33
Eaton Rapids	S. Matthias'					9					2	1	3	1	5	6			6											
Evart	S. John's.	11		11		17		2	2				1	6	12	18	5	3	13	42										
Farwell	Trinity	2		2		12					1	2	3	1	8	9			6	26										
Grand Rapids	Good Shepherd.	3		3		41			6							4		1			3	12	15	81	98	179				
Grand Rapids	Swedes' Mission	3		3										8	10	18			10	52										
Greenville																35	2				1	6	7	22	28	50				
Hersey	Grace					6					1		1		5	5	2		5	18										
Kalamazoo	S. Barnabas'																				5	7	12			47				
Manistee	S. Paul's	7		7	3									6	28	34			20											
Mt. Pleasant	S. John's	4		4	1	13	1	8	9		1		1	11	10	21			8	44	4	3	7	12	16	28				
Newaygo	S. Mark's	1	4	5	3	15							1	3	11	14				50	2	5	7							
Pentwater	S. James'	2		2	5	24	1		1	1			1	4	20	24		1	13	64	1	7	8	20	25	45				
Plainwell	Trinity				1	12						4	4	2	6	8														
Quincy	S. John's					14								1	13	14			13	43										
Sturgis	S. John's					15	2	2			4		4	3	12	15			16	49										
Tustin		14		14										27	21	48	2	3	24	129										
Bangor		2		2										2	3	5			5											
Breedsville	Van Buren		1	1	2		2							1	5	6			6	23										
Decatur		1		1		12								1	10			1	9	33										
Hartford	County,	5	3	8	3		2								6	6			16	40										
Kendall		2		2	3		3								6	6			10	30										
Lawrence	(Itinerant)					11					5	2	7		4	4			3	9										
Lawton						4						1	1	1	2	3			3	14										
Pine Grove	Mission.	4	2	6											1	1			2	12										
South Haven		5	2	7	3										4	11	15		19	58										
	Totals	*259	+78	337	+174	3012	151	91	242	39	205	159	404	437	1373	3031	116	198	1708	5868	99	215	354	753	1069	2350				

* Includes one at Portland. Bishop's address, page 80.

+ Includes one at Schoolcraft. Bishop's address, page 80.

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PLACES.	PARISHES.	WITHIN THE DIOCESE.						WITHOUT THE DIOCESE.							
		PAROCHIAL.	DIOCESAN.					Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions (to color'd people	Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Total Outside of the Diocese.	Total from Associations of Women.	Total from Sunday Schools.	Total from all Sources.
			Diocesan Missions.	Diocesan Assessment.	Ag'd & Infirm Clergy Fund.	Other Objects	Total for Dioces'n Objects									
Albion	S. James'	$ 320 36	$ 5 00				$ 5 00								$25 00	$ 325 25
Allegan	Good Shepherd	1469 80	55 00	$ 27 00	$ 3 25	$ 3 50	88 75	$ 4 00	$ 4 00	$ 2 00	$2 00		$ 12 00		78 50	1510 26
Battle Creek	S. Thomas'	1891 67	90 00	23 85	9 15	7 60	130 60	4 75	8 11	1 25	1 25	$34 78	50 14		49 68	2072 41
Big Rapids	S. Andrew's	934 50	10 00	7 50			17 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00		5 00	$ 343 00	40 00	937 00
Burr Oak	Grace							70	70				1 40			1 40
Coldwater	S. Mark's	1451 68	80 00	36 59	15 94	11 65	144 18	13 82	12 28	9 65	9 31	20 92	65 98		34 83	1661 84
Elk Rapids	S. Paul's	794 90	35 00	15 00	5 38		55 38	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	15 00	29 00	152 35	27 32	879 28
Grand Haven	S. John's	1847 18	12 00	18 96	2 40	6 29	39 65	3 78					3 78			1890 61
Grand Rapids	S. Mark's	7796 82	515 13	140 75	40 97	51 58	748 43	148 73	118 86		13 68	152 34	433 61	98 00	52 21	8978 86
Grand Rapids	S. Paul's	780 80	17 00	10 00			27 00					9 00	9 00		42 00	816 80
Grand Rapids	Grace	1175 25	25 00		3 00		28 00								21 25	1203 25
Hastings	Emmanuel	996 53	80 00	24 16	9 29	8 10	121 55	6 14	8 00	4 00	4 50	90 90	113 54	274 13	35 26	1231 62
Holland	Grace	228 43	15 00	4 00		3 67	22 67	5 05				10 00	15 05		27 20	266 15
Homer	Christ	114 29	12 50	6 58			19 08									133 37
Ionia	S. John's	676 25	5 00				5 00	2 00	2 00				4 00		27 12	685 25
Kalamazoo	S. Luke's	2843 71	350 00	64 94	20 97	129 50	565 41	84 11	39 13	16 76	33 45	141 77	315 22	202 96	142 71	3724 34
Kalamazoo	S. John's	1602 29	26 16	24 25	4 77	7 78	62 94	4 32					4 32	322 16	77 76	1669 55
Ludington	Grace	411 49	20 00	7 88		1 00	28 88	1 58	1 58	1 00		11 00	15 16	90 00	40 12	455 53
Marshall	Trinity	1793 66	140 00	43 12	8 0	6 15	197 32	12 46	13 80			86 19	112 45	72 20	48 08	2103 43
Muskegon	S. Paul's	1470 00	25 00	5 00	2 15	1 00	33 15	2 00	1 00			4 00	7 00			1510 15
Niles	Trinity	2493 00	125 00	42 50		50 00	217 50									2710 50
Paw Paw	S. Mark's	484 02	5 00	8 96	2 00	33 07	49 03	8 35	4 94		75	12 83	26 87	130 45	16 61	559 92
Saranac	Trinity								2 46				2 46			2 46
Saugatuck	All Saints'	174 66	20 00	7 50		2 05	29 55	2 50	1 18				3 68	35 00	27 50	207 89
Three Rivers	Trinity	157 51		6 66			6 66									164 17
Traverse City	Grace	943 11	35 00		2 20		37 20	2 30		1 25	1 25		4 80			985 11
Union City	Grace	150 62		2 48			2 48	1 34					1 34			154 44
Whitehall	Redeemer	500 00	17 00	10 00	3 00		30 00	4 00					4 00			534 00

MISSIONS, ET C.																	
Berlin		27 08	3 14				3 14										30 22
Casnovia			1 86				1 86										1 86
Charlotte	Grace	161 42			1 00		1 00								24 22	20 00	162 43
Coopersville	Epiphany	145 32	3 36				3 36									6 20	148 68
Eaton Rapids	S. Matthias'	149 82			1 50		1 50										151 32
Evart	S. John's	76 10	1 21				1 21								13 85		77 31
Grand Rapids	Good Shepherd	239 09	13 00				13 00	5 00	5 00				10 00			54 09	262 09
Grand Rapids	Swedes' Mission	160 00															160 00
Greenville		118 43													15 05	21 89	118 43
Hersey	Grace	17 72															17 72
Manistee	S. Paul's	17 92															17 92
Mt. Pleasant	S. John's	160 00															160 00
Newaygo	S. Mark's	125 00	11 22				11 22						4 88	4 88			141 10
Pentwater	S. James'	95 72	5 00				5 00									5 00	100 72
Plainwell	Trinity	206 30						5						50	200 00		206 80
Quincy	S. John's	46 00	10 00				10 00								10 00		56 00
Sturgis	S. John's	310 00													60 00		310 00
Tustin		138 00															138 00
Bangor	Van Buren	1 86															1 86
Breedsville		9 81															9 81
Decatur		21 88															21 88
Hartford	County	9 37															9 37
Kendall		12 47															12 47
Lawton	Itinerant	13 10															13 10
Pine Grove		50															50
South Haven	Mission.	41 28						2 55					2 55				43 83
Totals		$35,746 43	1,768 58	537 68	135 00	322 91	2,765 20	326 48	229 54	38 91	69 19	593 61	1,257 73	2,043 37	920 33	*41,202 14

* Includes sums reported to the Convention, but not tabulated above.

Sunday School, S. Barnabas, Kalamazoo,	$ 11 97
Annual Subscription to the Income of the Episcopal Fund, by a member of S. Mark's, Grand Rapids,	100 00
"From friends" to Bishop Gillespie,	100 00
By Bishop Gillespie.	1,197 56
Offertory at Convention	24 25
	$1,433 78





